

LOOK TO THE LORD

In the gospel of Matthew chapter 14 verses from 22-33 we read a beautiful story of Jesus walking on the water. It was the forth watch of the night, nearly 3 in the morning and Jesus was walking on the water to go to his disciples who were in the boat and boat was in the midst of the storm.

The first reaction of the disciples was, **they got afraid** and they thought that the one who was walking was a spirit, a demon who was coming to destroy them.

Before they all got into the ship to go to the other side they saw great miracle Jesus performed by feeding five thousand men beside women and children.

The fear is opposite of faith. Of course they were much afraid after they heard the news of John the baptist was beheaded. The persecution of any kind make us become panic and we look at the circumstances rather than the Lord who is in control of the universe. When we are not operating in faith then we are operating in unbelief and our confession changes fear takes control of us.

The Word of God encourages us to look to Jesus, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.." (Hebrews 12:2). I believe looking is believing continuously that **JESUS IS ABLE!**.

He is the Emmanuel, God is with us, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Matthew 1:23). Jesus has promised us His constant presence with us, "....I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20b).

He is not only with us but He is in us, "The Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But **you** know him, for he lives with **you** and will be in **you**" (John 14:17). In I John 4:4 it says, "...because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

We cannot expect favorable and good things from this world. There will be storms and tempests, trials and temptations but continuously looking unto Jesus and looking (reading and believing) into **His Word (promises)**, we can be overcomers in Him. See what He said in His Word, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world (John 16:33). When we appropriate him and his victory then it is our victory in Him, we are more than conquerors in Him, "Nay, in all things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Romans 8:37).

When we look to Jesus and walk by faith we will be: 1) Going in Right direction. 2) We will not be afraid. 3) We will never quit worshiping Him and serving Him.

Yes, wonderful God we worship and serve! Let us take decision to go forward in faith looking unto Jesus. GREAT IS HE THAT IS IN YOU, THAN HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD! Yes of course WITH CHRIST IN THE VESSEL WE CAN SMILE AT THE STORM!

Prema and I love you so dearly and pray for you. Write us for we love to hear from you!

Remember <u>Jesus is Lord</u> and take with the <u>the Word of God and Faith</u>, excellent traveling Companions. Psalm 119:105; II Corinthians 5:7

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