



What's It All About? (Part 9)

Discover Faith, Life & Meaning

Three Remembrances When Stuck in the Middle

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SERIES TEXT: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen. Romans 11:36 NIV

BIG IDEA: The doorway to discovering faith, life and meaning is Jesus, Who proclaims, "I am the door." (John 10:9 KJV)

St. Mark 6:45-56 NIV

- ...the boat was IN THE MIDDLE of the lake... (v 47a)
- What are you stuck in the middle of?

3 REMEMBRANCES WHEN STUCK IN THE MIDDLE:

I. YOUR TROUBLES DO NOT HAVE THE LAST WORD

- I'm stuck IN THE MIDDLE of _____, straining... struggling... toiling... laboring... battered... harassed... distressed... terrified... in serious trouble...
- Immediately He spoke to them [in the middle] and said, "TAKE COURAGE! IT IS I. DON'T BE AFRAID." (v. 50)
- "Ryan: Keep your eyes and ears attuned to Me." - Jesus
- When all is said and done, the last word is Immanuel – God with us. Isaiah 8:10 MSG

II. THE FORCE FOR YOU IS GREATER THAN THE FORCE AGAINST YOU.

- ... the wind was AGAINST them. (v.48a)
- WHO or WHAT is pushing against you?
- ... Leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to PRAY. (v. 46)
- Text JLS to 51400
- ... He went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them... (v.48b)
- -Jesus intends, not to pass you by and leave you all alone in your laboring distress, to abandon you in your strain, struggle and trouble, but to show you a display of His deity and glory by observable evidence – He's God.
- Jesus wants nothing more than to reveal to you that in the middle of a boatload mess there's a MESSAGE: What claims to be over your head is really under your feet.

III. THE SECRET THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING

- Does God know your situation? YES!
- HE SAW the disciples straining at the oars... (v. 48)
- Is it too hard for Him to handle? NO!
- About the fourth watch of the night He went out to them, WALKING ON THE LAKE... (v. 48) ... and THE WIND DIED DOWN. They were completely amazed... (v. 51b)
- Does He have a good plan for you? YES!
- IMMEDIATELY JESUS made his disciples get into the boat... (v.45) "I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING. I have it all planned out – plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for." - God, Jeremiah 29:11 MSG
- All who touched Him were HEALED. (v. 56b)

"Remember the secret: [Father] God, the Creator of all things, desires a deep and intimate relationship with you. And right now, as you are reading this sentence, He is calling you to 2 Chairs."

Bob Beaudine, 2 Chairs: The Secret that Changes Everything

Jesus

The Lord's Prayer

"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." - Jesus, Matthew 6:9-13 KJV