

Study Guide

Mark 4:21-41

Faith that Changes my World

1. Read Mark 4:21-25. What is the main point of this illustration? How does your faith in Jesus offer you more than you expected? How important is it to pay attention to the truths of God? How has your life been altered to be open to God's words?
2. Read Mark 4:26-29. What do we learn here about the simplicity of our faith? What encouragement can you draw from this reminder?
3. Read Mark 4:30-34. What do we learn here about the power of faith? Why do you think Jesus mentions the size of the seed?
4. Read Mark 4:35-41. Now we leave the classroom and enter a lesson for life.
 - a. How is life like living in a boat?
 - b. How do we tend to react as soon as the storm hits?
 - c. Does it seem to you at times that Jesus doesn't care?
 - d. What promises can we remind ourselves of in the storms of life?
 - e. What do the storms of life teach us?

Application

Pray through some of your very personal faith challenges. Tell Jesus what your fears are and affirm that you desire to honor Him even though you don't see a solution yet. Ask Him to increase your faith.

Message Slides

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Previously:

If Jesus is God, it changes everything.

If God's Word is true, then I will really listen.

Theme- When I choose to believe in Jesus, it takes me beyond my world.

Story #1: Faith in Jesus offers me more than expected.

“And he said to them, “Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand? “For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light. “If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.” “And he said to them, “Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. “For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.”

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1. Faith in Jesus breaks into my darkness.
2. Faith in Jesus is veiled to be manifest.
3. Your decision will compound on itself!

Story #2: The Simplicity of Faith

“And he said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. “He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. “The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. “But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

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Story #3: The Power of Faith

“And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? “It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, “yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

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Question: Do I have faith?

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

Lesson for Life (v.35-41)

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling.

Here is what I believe:

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1. Jesus promised to take me to the other side. (v.35)

2. Jesus is with me in the boat. (v.38)

³⁸**Jesus Himself was in the stern**, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, **do you not care** that we are perishing?"

3. Jesus is God! (v.39-41)

³⁹And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Today- When I choose to believe in Jesus, it takes me beyond my world.