

The Gospel According to Matthew

Little Faith and Your Imagined Future

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Matthew 8v18-27

18 Now when Jesus saw great crowds around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. 19 A scribe then approached and said, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." 20 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." 21 Another of his disciples said to him, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." 22 But Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

23 And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. 24 A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. 25 And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" 26 And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. 27 They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

How does Jesus want us to believe in Him?

All these ideas...

Last Week:
1. In community.
2. With Chutzpah.

Simple Geography?
Chronology?

What's with "the other side"?

Or something about the type of
faith that moves Jesus?

Foxes, Birds and
Not So Dead
Fathers

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_ Matthew 8v23

Aquila ("eagle")



What if the answer has
something to do with being led
to serve God and people in
ways that leads us beyond our
comfort zone?

"...you of little faith."
(v26)

Used 4x in Matthew:
- Matthew 6v30
- Matthew 8v26
- Matthew 14v31
- Matthew 16v8

2. Always directed at
the disciples.

Why does Jesus say this?

1. Always connected to people struggling to
trust God with the future.

Why?
Does this say something about God
having compassion on how hard
trusting God beyond our comfort zone
and with an unknown future really is?

Where's the heat for you?

"Have you ever noticed that
God is rarely in your
imagined future?"

Three Questions When Afraid:
1. What are you afraid of?
2. What can you do about it?
3. What do you need to trust God for?

Podcasts: *Reality San Francisco* - May 31, 2021- Overcoming Fear: Redefining Our Relationship with Fear

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