

Why are you so afraid? Matthew 8:23-27



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- Real threat



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...he who watches over you will not slumber...
(Psalm 121:3)

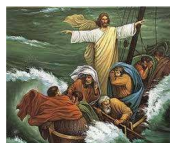
...hope does not come from a change of circumstances. Rather it comes from what you know to be true despite the situation in front of you. In other words, you live through suffering by what you believe, not by what you see or feel.

(Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy by Mark Vroegop)

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- Little faith



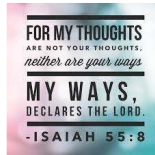
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Jesus rebukes their failure to see that the one so obviously raised up by God to accomplish the messianic work could not possibly have died in a storm while that work remained undone. They lacked faith, not so much in his ability to save them, as in Jesus the Messiah, whose life could not be lost in a storm, as if the elements were out of control and Jesus himself the pawn of chance.

(NIV Bible Commentary)

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'For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,'
declares the Lord.
'As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.'
(Isaiah 55:8-9)



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God is sovereign over everything,
including our pain.
(*Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy* by Mark Vroegop)

God is...
...of very tender compassions to them that are
afraid.
(*Hinds Feet on High Places* by Hannah Hurnard)

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2. Do not be afraid

Do not be afraid, Abram.
I am your shield,
your very great reward.
(Genesis 15:1)

Do not be afraid
(Hagar).
God has heard...
(Genesis 21:17)

Do not be afraid
(Isaac), for I am with
you.
(Genesis 26:24)

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- God is with you

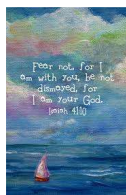


- He will help you



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So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right
hand.
(Isaiah 41:10)



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He giveth more grace when the burdens grow
greater;
He sendeth more strength when the labours
increase.
To added affliction He addeth His mercy;
To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.
(*'He giveth more grace'* by Annie Johnson Flint)



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So we say with confidence,
'The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.'
(Hebrews 13:6)



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Grant us, O Lord, so firm a faith in
your fatherly love and wisdom that
we may be lifted above our anxieties
and fears, and face the life of each
day, and all the unknown future, with
a courageous and quiet spirit. Amen
(From *A Healing House of Prayer*
by Morris Maddocks)

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