

THE FORTY - SECOND GENERATION

Walking On Boisterous Waters!

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As the saying goes, “You take one step towards God, and He will take ten steps towards you.” He will be faithful and come unto you, **but** we need to be faithful and come unto Him.

“And Peter answered Him, and said, Lord, if it be Thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And He said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth His hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased,”
Matthew 14:28-32.

Everybody always talks about Peter's lack of faith, but He was the only disciple that stepped out of the ship. All the other disciples stayed in there comfortable place and watched.

It didn't matter that the water was so violent, Peter still wanted to be with the Lord.

Don't get discouraged when you step out in FAITH and everybody is watching you. Even if you begin to sink, as Peter did, immediately Jesus will stretch forth His hand to help you.

This was Peter's first time walking on the boisterous water of the Word. The water was strong and violent. The storm seemed like it was the end for them. But Jesus calmed the wind and made the water sure and firm.

“For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? But if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps,” 1 Peter 2:20-21.

Peter had learned to walk on the water. Even during the boisterous times he

knew that Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow His steps. Peter was no longer sinking in the Word, he was walking and following Christ Jesus steps.

“Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light,” Matthew 11:28-30.

The Lord is faithful. He will come unto us, when we come unto Him. We can see another example of this in John 4.

“And He left Judea, and departed again into Galilee. And He must needs go through Samaria. Then cometh He to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with His journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour, John 4:3-6.

Jesus had left Judea and had traveled to the city of Samaria, which is also called Sychar. This is a desert climate. Some say that Jesus walked over 35 miles. Others say that He could have walked about 70 miles. Jesus was wearied with His journey, it was the sixth hour, or around noon time. Jesus walked all this

way to minister to the woman that came to the well to drink.

“There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water; Jesus saith unto her, Give Me to drink,” John 4:7.

The woman of Samaria represents the church age. They are thirsty, but there is no quenching her thirst. In verse 18 it says that she had five husbands. She had the five fold ministry.

“And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ;,” Ephesians 4:11-12.

We see here in Ephesians that Jesus has given apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. These are for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, and for the edifying of the body of Christ.

“For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly,” John 4:18.

It says here in John that he whom thou now hast is not thy husband. This woman either had refused the five fold ministry and had chosen the commandments and doctrines of men, or

the five fold ministry had let her down and had not given her her needs. “And whom thou now hast is not thy husband”, is saying that she has no husband, no headship, no provider, and no one to take care of her needs.

“That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to be deceive,” Ephesians 4:14.

Even Paul was able to see that many of God's people are being led astray by every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and by their cunning craftiness that they lie in wait to deceive.

The woman has chosen the deceitful husband instead of the gifts He gave unto men. It is because of this that she is so thirsty.

“The woman saith unto Him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw,” John 4:15.

We see here that this woman wanted water. She knew that she needed the Water of the Word to live. No one was giving her the Water of Life to survive.

“Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the

Words of the Lord: and they shall wander from sea to sea, and from north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the Word of the Lord, and shall not find it. In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst,” Amos 8:11-13.

The sons and daughters of God are fainting for thirst, because the Words of the Lord are not being spoken. They are hearing the words of men and the doctrines of men. Because of this the woman is weak and not able to minister unto others.

“There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water; Jesus saith unto her, Give Me to drink,” John 4:7.

Jesus had just walked over 40 miles or so to see this woman at the well. He wanted to be ministered to. He asked her for a drink, but she was not able to give Him a drink of the “water of life”. The church never thinks of His needs, they only want their needs to be met. They continually are saying “Lord, give me this, give me that. Lord, give me, give me, give me,” but what are we giving the Lord? Do we constantly take what He has and never think about His needs? We need to be a people that our Lord can come to and we will meet His needs.

“And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the son of man hath not where

to lay His head,” Matthew 8:20

The Church needs to be His resting place. The church needs to be a Body that He can put His head on. Christ, the Holy spirit, is seeking a place to rest on. Are we like this woman at the well? Are we dry, thirsty, and having need? Are we not able to minister, but have need for someone to minister to us? Jesus had asked her for a drink, but she was not able to give Him a drink of the Water of Life.

The Church needs to wake up and become a place of rest for His Holy Spirit. He has walked many miles to meet the Church. Will He find faith in His people? Will He find someone that can give Him a drink.

“Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was an hungered, and ye gave Me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took Me in: naked, and ye clothed Me: and I was sick, and ye visited Me: I was in prison, and ye came unto Me. Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee an hungered, and fed Thee? Or thirsty, and gave Thee drink? When saw we Thee a stranger, and took Thee in? Or naked,

and clothed Thee? Or when saw we Thee sick, or in prison, and came unto Thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me,” Matthew 25:34-40.

Let's strive to be His sheep on His right hand, ministering unto the Lord.

Many are staying in the ship and watching. They are staying in the realm of comfort, convenience, and no commitment. Many are content with where they are at in their walk with the Lord. We need to step out of the Ship and walk towards Him. It may be violent at first, but He will calm the storm. All we have to do is take that first step and He will walk miles to meet you.

May the Lord Bless you as you walk this journey towards Him.

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