

PG has said; Faith is not about quality or quantity, it's about focus...

What we choose to focus on will set a course for our faith. In the passage we are going to look at, Peter's focus on Jesus released the miraculous, but when he focused on the natural he began to sink.

Matthew 14:29–30 (NKJV) So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw that the wind *was* boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

I FAITH FOUNDATION:

A- PG: The foundation of faith is the WORD OF GOD.

1. Scripture is where faith begins... It directs us to know what to believe for.
 - a. Scripture forms our expectations... How will you know what God wants if you don't know what He says?
2. Peter's faith foundation to walking on the water was Jesus command... *Lord if its you command me to come on the water... Jesus said "come"*
 - a. His word directed his faith and his action-

B- This is true for us... We need a foundation of the word of God so that we know what to believe God for-

1. Is God a SAVIOR? How do you know?
 - a. Is Gos a HEALER? How do you know?
 - b. Is God a PROVIDER? How do you know?
2. One author put it this way... How many promises of God do you know for your need?
 - a. Is God a 1 promise God? 5 Promise God? 100 Promise God?
 - i. That is up to you... based on the scripture foundation you have established.
3. The faith foundation is up to you to build... I have scripture lists for my faith foundation-
 - a. People have asked, can you send me your list? *Sure, but you need to build your own-*
 - b. Mine have also come out of my own experience... My lists were fought for, wrestled through, wept over!
4. Every believer can build a faith foundation-

II NATURAL FOCUS:

A- The issue is sometimes we can become natural focused-

1. This is common- Hell wants to make us feel guilty and condemned when this happens to us-
 - a. *You don't believe... you are such a bad Christian...*
2. Sometimes, its not on purpose, we are people... We see things from a natural lens-
 - a. We process most from a natural place... we know our senses, emotions, feelings-
3. This is what happened to Peter
 - a. **V30** But when he saw that the wind *was* boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"
 - i. Boisterous: Strong, Mighty, Powerful, INTENSE... He became afraid-
 - ii Some storms in life are boisterous... The scream and shout... they demand attention... they pull on our natural self
 - iii Storms with our Kids, Health, Finances, Marriage, Fruitfulness, Dominion-
4. So we focus on that and it effects us... Peter became afraid and started to sink-
 - a. We feel Fear; And in fear we can start to make poor decisions, quick decisions, bad decisions, life changing decisions... People begin to sink!
 - b. In Salvation, in conviction, in obedience, in surrender

B- Boisterous storms will be part of the Christian experience-

1. The disciples were caught in 2 storms... One with Jesus in the boat, one with Jesus coming to the boat-
 - a. Both times they focused on the natural-
 - i. Lord don't you care!?... Here they toil alone, they fear when they see Jesus, then Peter sinking...
 - b. A Natural focus will distract us from WHO GOD IS... WHAT GOD CAN DO-
2. Natural focus and fear robs our faith... Robs our trust in God... Starts to sink us-

III FOCUSED FAITH:

A- Its in the boisterous storms we need to focus on our faith... pull from the faith foundation!

1. **Hebrews 11:1** Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
 - a. We need it in the lack, when its unseen, when its hoped for-
 - b. That is when we draw from the word of God!
2. Because Faith is based on the word of God, not our experience.
 - a. This is what I am going through... but God says!
 - b. This is what I am facing... But God says!
 - c. This is what the results show... But God says!
3. Gods word isn't limited or defined by circumstances... His word is defined by His POWER, WHO HE IS!

B- So what does focused faith look like?

- a. Its not quality or quantity... its FOCUS-
1. It's Believing: Taking God at his word... This is what you say, and I believe that.
 - a. This is what you have promised and I choose to believe that...
 - i. Times I have prayed: God I choose to believe you and trust you!
2. It's Prayer: Laying ahold of His word in your prayer.... Claiming it... Contending for it... Speaking it-
 - a. **Hebrews 11:3** By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.
3. It's Expectation: PG In life, you will have what you can live with...
 - a. Some people will live with less... because they can live with less-
 - b. But Focused faith produces an expectation... I know what I want to see, based on the word
 - i. I know what I should be seeing, and this isn't it...
 - ii We will see... we will have-
4. Miracle Money in SF... PG You need to get ahold of God.