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Topic: Faith In Action

Hebrew 12.1-2 The Race of Faith

1Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us,* and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2looking unto Jesus, the [a]author and [b]finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

This scripture is simply saying that your faith in action is Jesus in action in our life, because the source and owner of faith is Christ. Faith is the fruit of the Spirit. To experience this fruit we have to abide in Christ Jesus (the true vine).

John 21.[25] "And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen."

Jesus Walks on the Sea

22Immediately Jesus [a]made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. 23And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. 24But the boat was now [b]in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

25Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. 26And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.

27But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, [c]"Be of good cheer! [d]It is I; do not be afraid."

28And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

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

31And immediately Jesus stretched out *His* hand and caught him, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” 32And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

33Then those who were in the boat [f]came and worshiped Him, saying, “Truly You are the Son of God.”

Verse 31 -

“[You] of little faith,
Ὀλιγόπιστε (Oligopiste)
Adjective - Vocative Masculine Singular
Strong's Greek 3640: Of little faith. From oligos and pistis; incredulous, i.e. Lacking confidence.

3640 *oligópistos* (from 3641 */olígos*, "little in *number*, low in *quantity*" and 4102 */pístis*, "faith") , each time with Jesus rebuking the problem of *failing to hear His voice* (cf. Jn 10:3,4,27

"Little-faith" (3640 */oligópistos*) describes someone dull to hearing the Lord's voice, or disinterested in walking intimately with Him. In contrast, the goal of life is to receive (obey) the Lord's gift of faith in each scene of life (Ro 14:23; Heb 11:6).)."My sheep hear my voice and they follow me" - to experience faith in action we have to follow Jesus voice.

Faith tests our foundation – the 2 houses 1 is build

Matthew 7.24-27 “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. [25] And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. [26] And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. [27] And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”