

WHY ARE YOU AFRAID?

Great Questions (Part 3)

Text: Matthew 8:23-27

1. Describe a time when you were in the midst of one of life's "storms." What was that like? What were your thoughts and feelings about it?
2. There are various kinds of "seismos megas" in life. List some of the kinds of "furious storms" that can come upon people.
3. The message indicated that sometimes "fear can be a gift." How so? How can fear actually be helpful?
4. When is fear not a gift but a curse? What are some of the bad effects that fear can have?
5. A frequent message of the angels we meet in the Bible is "Do not be afraid." Take a look at some of these passages where this message is given and ask yourself, "What are we to have faith in in order to overcome destructive fear?"

Genesis 15:1

Genesis 26:24

Exodus 20:20

Deuteronomy 31:8

1 Samuel 12:20

Psalms 118:6

Isaiah 43:5

Matthew 1:20

Matthew 10:28

John 14:27

Revelation 1:17

Revelation 2:10

6. In relation to what issue or area of YOUR life right now are you feeling afraid? Is this fear...
 - a gift to be embraced and responded to?
 - a curse for which the power and love of God is needed?