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Story of feeling fear when Andrew fell off the bow in Mission Bay and went under the port side. Fear lead to reaction.



Rev. 1:12-18 Jesus is described as having a fearful effect on John.



Isaiah had the same feeling when God appeared to Him in Isaiah 6.



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Mark 4-5

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Height of His Galilean Ministry - Mark 4 begins with the parable of the four soils



Jesus tells them to make way for the other shore, and a small armada sails with them.



Mark 4:35ff



Jesus is in the stern asleep on the helmsman's pillow.



“When Jesus was awakened to meet the storm, He was in perfect peace. There was no trace of fear in word or look, for no fear was in His heart. But He rested not in the possession of almighty power. It was not as the “Master of earth and sea and sky” that He reposed in quiet. That power He had laid down, and He says, “I can of Mine own self do nothing.” John 5:30. He trusted in the Father's might. It was in faith—faith in God's love and care—that Jesus rested, and the power of that word which stilled the storm was the power of God.” - DA 335



Jesus stills the storm with a word and encourages the disciples to have more faith... but the Bible describes their fear was heightened after His revelation of power.



Jesus had displayed God's power over the natural world.

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The Demoniac healed - Mark 5





The devil had intended for Jesus and His disciples to drown in the sea, but the legion of demons ended up drowning of their own choice after Jesus expelled them. Jesus displayed God's power over the evil forces of darkness.



“Meanwhile a marvelous change had come over the demoniacs. Light had shone into their minds. Their eyes beamed with intelligence. The countenances, so long deformed into the image of Satan, became suddenly mild, the bloodstained hands were quiet, and with glad voices the men praised God for their deliverance.” - DA 338

The recovered man’s witness led to many believing in Jesus.

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Jairus pleads with Jesus to heal his sick daughter. Mark 5:21-24



A great crowd follow Him to the synagogue ruler's home.



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Jesus affirms her faith and displays God's power over sickness. "Daughter, your faith has saved you, go in peace."



She is restored to society in wholeness and gratitude for what God had done.



The girl has expired and is dead. Yet the people scorn Jesus for saying she is asleep.



His resurrection of the girl displays God's power over death.

LIVING BY FAITH IN GOD’S LOVE AND TRUTH

	PHYSICAL	EMOTIONAL	SPIRITUAL
HUMAN NEEDS	Protection; Security	Acceptance; Belonging	Value; Meaning in Life
NATURAL FEARS	Pain Death	Rejection Loneliness	Failure No Meaning in life
SATAN'S PLAN Focus on these things to satisfy our needs and overcome our fears.	Money to buy: 1. Food 2. Clothing 3. Shelter 4. Healthcare (long life) 5. Entertainment (pleasure)	Good behavior The better we behave, the more we feel God and others should accept us.	Value Based on Performance/Status 1. Important job 2. Higher salary 3. Education 4. Nice home & car 5. Designer clothes 6. Expensive jewelry 7. Accomplishments

Comparison of the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of humanity.

	PROBLEM Focusing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Money, ➤ Behavior, ➤ Status symbols will leave us: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Empty, ○ Insecure, ○ Unloving. 	1. Greed: never enough 2. Steal time, energy and resources to “get ahead” in life 3. Insecurity remains	1. Hypocrisy 2. Manipulation and abusive relationships 3. Loneliness and rejection remain	1. Condemning others to make ourselves look better 2. Pride if we have done good 3. Jealousy if we have little	
	GOD'S PLAN Faith in His: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gift of life ○ Love ○ Mission 	Gift of Life 1. Eternal Life 2. He provides for our needs 3. He is able to bring good out of evil.	Unconditional Love God takes the initiative to love us because we need it, not because we deserve it.	Mission We all are valuable to God. He has a plan for each of us. True joy comes from being used by Him to love and bless others.	

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Power - We can accomplish whatever God asks us to do when we rely upon His strength, no matter what circumstances we are faced with. (See Philippians 4:13,19; 2 Corinthians 12:7-9.)

Love - We are to love one another as Jesus has loved us. John 13 makes it clear that Jesus was able to be focused on serving others because of the security He had from knowing where He came from, where He was going and why He was here (John 13:1-3, 13-15, 34,35).

Sound mind - Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid (deliao)" John 14:27. The fruit of the Spirit includes all the qualities that make up a balanced, healthy mind (Galatians 5:22,23).



“The only safeguard against his [the devil’s] power is found in the presence of Jesus. Before men and angels Satan has been revealed as man's enemy and destroyer; Christ, as man's friend and deliverer. His Spirit will develop in man all that will ennoble the character and dignify the nature. It will build man up for the glory of God in body and soul and spirit. “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” 2 Timothy 1:7.”- DA 341