

Sunday, March 7, 2021.

He Looks After Us.

Our Verse for the day: Isaiah 25:1 (KJV) O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

Our devotion today is an outline of the message at Belfield Baptist Church for March 7, 2021.

**DOING THE WILL OF God
JOHN 6:15-21**

Often when God calls us to do something the first response that we give is: I CAN'T, I DON'T KNOW HOW, OR I AM AFRAID. These are all real and good excuses for not doing what God wants of us. Yet is this what God wants us to do?

The passage that I read today takes place just after the feeding of the five thousand, and the people wanting to make Jesus a king. We find that:

1. Jesus retreated or went into the mountain alone. We do not know why for sure, but probably He had much sorting out to do. (We all need our retreats)
2. When Jesus did not come back and the even came, the disciples decided it was time to depart and go to the other shore.
3. When they left, a storm came up and put a burden on them and the scripture says that they rowed for three or four miles and looked up and saw Jesus walking on the water.

(Now people, I don't know about you, but if I were out on the sea, in a wind storm and saw a figure walking on the water, well, I am not sure what I would do.

Nevertheless, Jesus said: **It is I, be not afraid.** This should be one of the greatest verses that the Christian has. It does not matter how bad the storm or how hard the wind might blow; Jesus will be there walking on the waves.

THINK WITH ME ON THE SUBJECT:

It is I, be not afraid.

In Exodus 3:14: **¹⁴ And God said unto Moses, I Am That I Am: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I Am hath sent me unto you.**

God said, Moses, tell them that the "I AM" sent you. What a promise. I AM THE TEACHER, PHYSICIAN, SHEPHERD, MASTER, FATHER, PROTECTOR, STRENGTHENER, Whatever it might be in our lives and whatever we are willing to let God be in our lives, He says He is it. He is the "I AM."

Jesus said; **Be not afraid, IT IS I.**

What is John telling us here? What did he see?

1. **He saw that Jesus Watches.** Jesus had to have been watching over the disciples in the same manner in which he does us.

I wonder what he thought about the disciples?

We find this in Psalms 121:3: **He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.**

2. **He saw that Jesus comes.** Jesus comes when we cannot do it ourselves. He will let us go as far as we can, then He comes. Luke 11:9-10 **⁹ And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. ¹⁰ For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.**

3. **He saw that Jesus Helps.** He watches, He comes, and He helps. Whatever the need He is the I AM. Hebrews 4:14-15: **¹⁵ For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of**

our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

4. He saw that Jesus always brings us to safety. John 6:20-21: ²⁰ But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid. ²¹ Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.

The question I will leave with us today is: Are we willing for Jesus to come and would we welcome Him into our boat? Our Lives, Our homes, how about the church. The choice is ours; the decision is ours; Jesus is not coming; He is already here.

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