

Cross Over To The Other Side:

Mark 4:1-41, 5:1-20

Summary

Introduction:

The three parables of Jesus were pictures of the Kingdom of God. They reveal what I consider as the nature, values and principles of the Kingdom of God, such as; The Sower, Faith, Seed, Ground, Works, Growth and Fruit. We therefore belong to a Kingdom of **growth and fruitfulness** through the **sowing** of the **seed** by **the sower** in **faith** into a good **ground**

This side of the shore

Jesus as the Sower sowed into the disciples the words of the Kingdom explaining the role of faith in growth and fulfilment of hope.

God always plays His part by sowing into our heart words that could launch us into growth and fulfilment in life and in Him, ideas, inspirations, wisdom, and revelations through prophecies scriptures, preaching, books etc. These words have potentials to fulfil a certain hope and expectation.

Often times we do little or nothing about these words, and hope and expectations are not fulfilled. Not because the Sower (God) has not done His part, but because there is problem with the Ground (us).

On the sea

Crossing the sea by the disciples with Jesus showed a replica of growth or progress. In our act of obedience to God's word or in a process of growth in any godly path of our lives, we may face storm. Storm is any situation that poses a destructive threat to growth and progress. To overcome, you need to remember and hold to those words that were sown, they sustain and preserve faith. If fear is overcoming your faith, humble yourself and pray (Step into the boat and wake the Lord). Do not take a dive (Do not give in to the storm), God will silence the storm and give peace. Here we see **Jesus as the Saviour**.

Other side of the shore.

People that overcome will always get to the other side of the shore. On this side, growth becomes a blessing, not only to you but to others. It is a place of authority and abundance (The fruit of the Seed). Jesus being able to get to the other side of the shore brought the deliverance of a man who consequently spread the good news of the Kingdom to others. Here we see **Jesus as the Sovereign**, he has the final say.

Questions

- Who is sowing into your life?
- What is being sown into your life?
- What have you done with what God has sown into your heart?
- Are you facing a storm, what is your storm and what are you doing about it?
- Are you thinking of taking a dive?
- Have you had "the other shore" experience and what was it like?