

39 And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm.

40 And He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

1. Incorrect assumption #1: "The storm is too big for us."

John 14:14

Mark 16:17-18

2. Incorrect assumption #2: "Teacher, do You not care...?"

Ezek 34:11-12

1Peter 5:7

3. Incorrect assumption #3: "Master, we are perishing."

2Cor 5:7

Heb 11:7

Heb 11:1

2Kings 6:15-17

Heb 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God **must believe that He is** and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

1Thess 2:13 For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted *it* not *as* the word of men, but *for* what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

Act in faith like a free man and let the word of God perform its work in you who believe.

Obey in faith like a free man and let the word of God perform its work in you who believe.

Since the salvation purchased for you is such a glorious prize, don't let your words, actions, or even your feelings drag on the ground, as though your citizenship were on earth:

- Phil 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

Obedience is a daily destination on the way to whatever other destinations you may have.

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[For Further Consideration]

Accept the challenge to become so aware of being a stranger and an alien in this place that you are in absolute awe and wonder and appreciation of the fact of it.

- So aware that it causes you to speak and act differently than people in the world...speaking and acting like the free man that you are!

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GOD DESIRES TRUTH IN THE INWARD PARTS

PART TWO: ACT LIKE FREE MEN

Ps 51:6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden *part* thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

1Peter 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen 2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood:

2:16 Act like free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but *use it* as bondslaves of God.

Ps 40:2 He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay, And He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm.

Rom 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name,

1John 5:13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Luke 10:19 "Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you.

Rom 8:1 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

Heb 2:14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

15 and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

Heb 13:5 *Make sure that* your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have;

1Thess 5:16 Rejoice always;

17 pray without ceasing;

18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Ps 31:14 But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD, I say, "You are my God."

15 My times are in Your hand;

1John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

Heb 10:19 ...we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus,

You have been freed from disobedience.
Now use your freedom to obey as the evidence that
you are free men.

You will obey someone; and the one you obey is the one you will serve.
Don't let it be you!

[*Amplified Bible*] **Heb 11:8** Urged on by faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and went forth to a place which he was destined to receive as an inheritance; and he went, although he did not know or trouble his mind about where he was to go.

9 Prompted by faith he dwelt as a temporary resident in the land which was designated in the promise [of God, though he was like a stranger in a strange country, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs with him of the same promise.

10 For he was waiting expectantly and confidently looking forward to the city which has fixed and firm foundations, whose Architect and Builder is God.

11 Because of faith also Sarah herself received physical power to conceive a child, even when she was long past the age for it, because she considered God Who had given her the promise to be reliable and trustworthy and true to His word.

12 So from one man, though he was physically as good as dead, there have sprung descendants whose number is as the stars of heaven and as countless as the innumerable sands on the seashore.

13 These people all died controlled and sustained by their faith, but not having received the tangible fulfillment of God's promises, only having seen it and greeted it from a great distance by faith, and all the while acknowledging and confessing that they were strangers and temporary residents and exiles upon the earth.

14 Now those people who talk as they did show plainly that they are in search of a fatherland (their own country).

[*Amplified Bible*] **1 Peter 1:1** Peter, An apostle a special messenger of Jesus Christ, writing to the elect exiles of the dispersion scattered (**sowed**) abroad,

Matt 15:22 And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and *began* to cry out, saying, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed."

23 But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and implored Him, saying, "Send her away, because she keeps shouting at us."

24 But He answered and said, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

25 But she came and *began* to bow down before Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

26 And He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

27 But she said, "Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

28 Then Jesus said to her, "O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed at once.

The woman in Matt 15:28 received the deliverance she needed because she was acting like a free man!

ANOTHER FREE MAN EXAMPLE:

Mark 5:24 And He went off with him; and a large crowd was following Him and pressing in on Him.

25 A woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years, **26** and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but rather had grown worse--

27 after hearing about Jesus, she came up in the crowd behind *Him* and touched His cloak.

28 For she thought, "If I just touch His garments, I will get well."

29 Immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction.

30 Immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that the power *proceeding* from Him had gone forth, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My garments?"

31 And His disciples said to Him, "You see the crowd pressing in on You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'"

32 And He looked around to see the woman who had done this.

33 But the woman fearing and trembling, aware of what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth.

34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your affliction."

ANOTHER FREE MAN EXAMPLE:

Matt 8:5 And when Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, imploring Him, **6** and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, fearfully tormented."

7 Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

8 But the centurion said, "Lord, I am not worthy for You to come under my

roof, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed.

9 "For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does *it*."

10 Now when Jesus heard *this*, He marveled and said to those who were following, "Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith with anyone in Israel.

13 And Jesus said to the centurion, "Go; it shall be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed that *very* moment.

EXAMPLE OF **NOT ACTING LIKE FREE MEN**:

Mark 4:35 On that day, when evening came, He said to them, "Let us go over to the other side."

36 Leaving the crowd, they took Him along with them in the boat, just as He was; and other boats were with Him.

37 And there arose a fierce gale of wind, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling up.

38 Jesus Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"