

# FAITH THAT CONQUERS FEAR

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# BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Written between the late 50s or early 60s AD

Written in Rome for the Gentile believers

Apostle Mark accounts for the ministry of Jesus from His baptism to His ascension

Wrote about Christ's deeds more than His words

Proves that Jesus is the Son of God by showing what He accomplished during His life on earth

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35 On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, “Let us cross over to the other side.” 36 Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. 37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling.

(New King James Version)

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Jesus always lives in the will of God

- The will of God for Jesus and His disciples was to cross to the other side

“A great windstorm arose”

- Heavy winds are a common occurrence for that lake
- For this particular storm, the disciples who some are fishermen and accustomed to heavy winds, were even afraid

Fact: They had to cross Lake Gennesaret or the “Sea” of Galilee which was a large and shallow body of water (690ft below sea level)

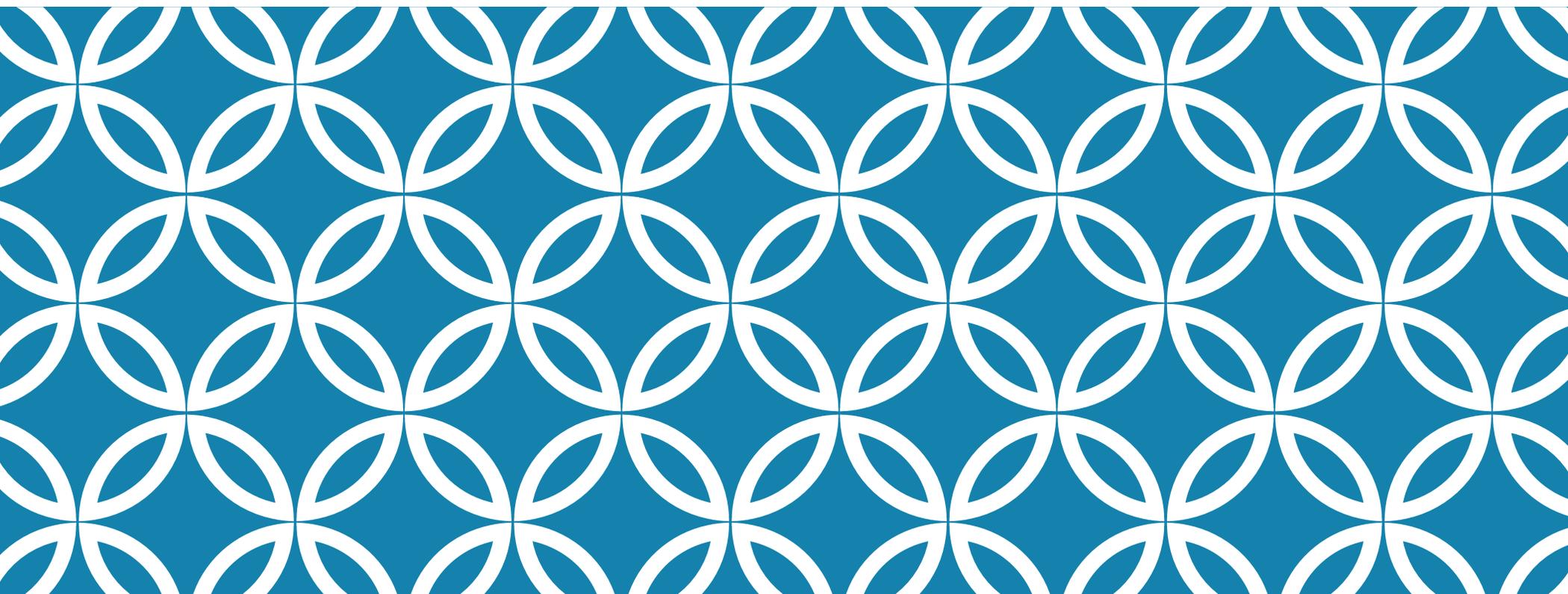
# CROSSING OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE

Storms (crisis and trials) are a normal occurrence in life and does not necessarily mean that the individual concerned is no longer in the center of God's will

The disciples were crossing over from a place of passive learning at the feet of Jesus to a place of active ministry demonstrating the power of God

- A storm arose in the midst of this transition

When God wants to make significant advancements in your life and ministry; when God wants you to cross over from the side of idleness, failure, mediocrity, lack of productivity, lack of success, lack of progress, lack of prosperity and lack of triumph. Storms can arise with the intention of destabilizing you, making you lose focus and testing your faith in God



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## WHAT IS FEAR?

If the disciples were to describe that storm, they would say it was evident to them that they would be perishing as a result of the storm. They thought that in that moment the works of Jesus Christ would not be fulfilled.

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**E**vidence  
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# FAITH IN ACTION

Faith is the complete trust and confidence in someone or something

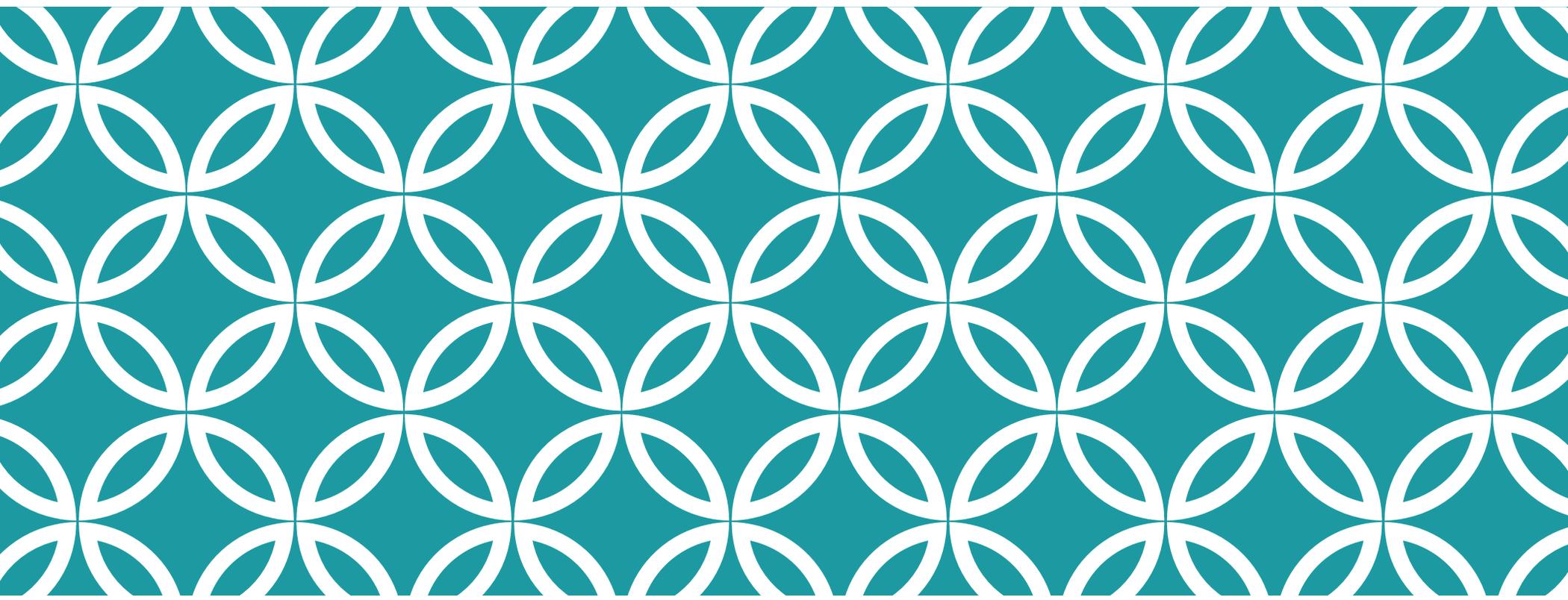
While the disciples were panicking Jesus was sleeping peacefully on a pillow.

Christ knew that the Father would complete the work He began and take them to the next phase of their ministry



# THINGS TO CONSIDER

1. THE PERPLEXITY OF THE FEARFUL
2. THE PROMISES OF THE FAITHFUL
3. THE POSSIBILITY OF FAITH



# THE PERPLEXITY OF THE FEARFUL

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<sup>38</sup> But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?”



## THE PERPLEXITY OF THE FEARFUL

Fear has a way of paralyzing and weakening a person.

When we are fearful our actions, speech, reasoning, emotions, attitude and tone of voice are all affected.

V. 40 “Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?”

- The disciples allowed a storm to make them forget the promise of crossing over that Jesus had made
- They saw a **RANGING** storm rather than a **REIGNING** Christ in the midst of them

## DID YOU KNOW?

Fear does not make you escape evil, it only makes you unfit to cope with it when it comes. Storms of opposition will be sure to come, but we are the children of God and we are in a boat with Christ, we will not perish, because He cannot perish.

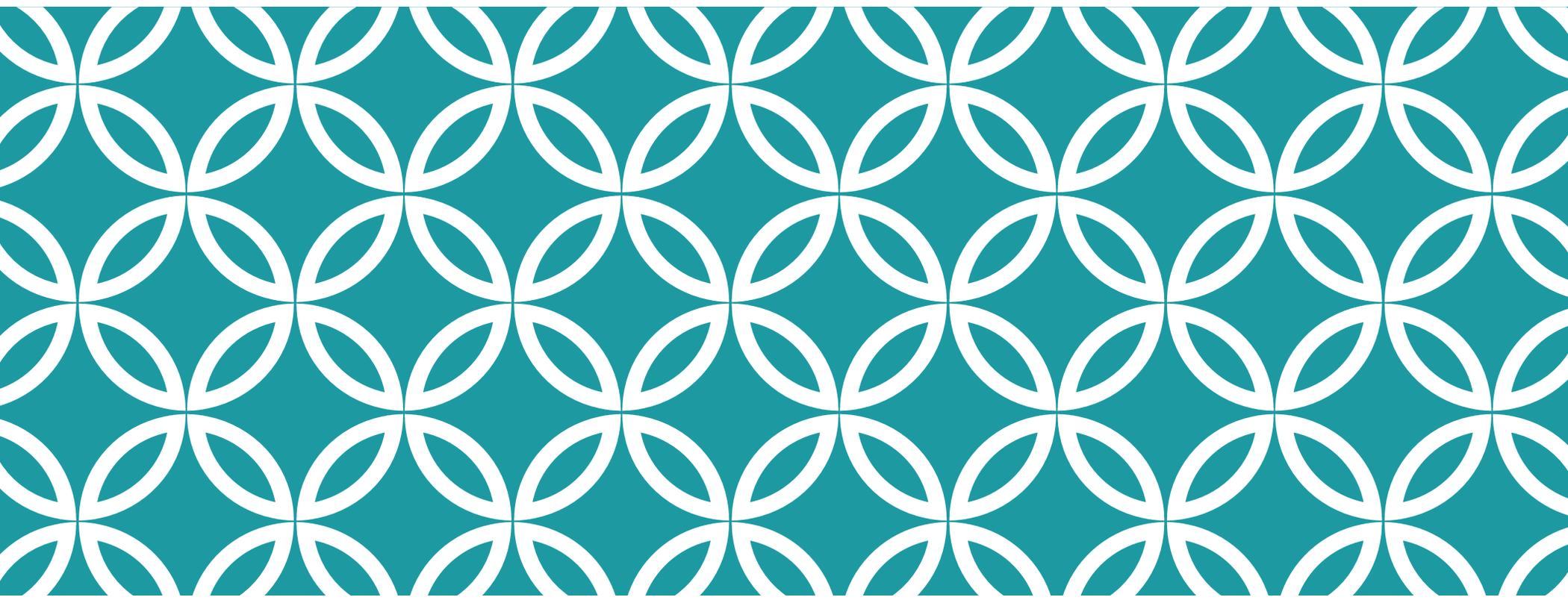
## EXODUS 14:10-15

<sup>10</sup> And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the LORD. <sup>11</sup> Then they said to Moses, “Because *there were* no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup> *Is* this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, ‘Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For *it would have been* better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness.”

## EXODUS 14:10-15

<sup>13</sup> And Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation<sup>[a]</sup> of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. <sup>14</sup> The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold<sup>[b]</sup> your peace.”

<sup>15</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward.



**THE PROMISES TO THE  
FAITHFUL** |

# GOD'S PROMISES

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” (2 Timothy 1:7)

In times of fear, the faithful trust in the Lord, they lean on God, they depend on God, and they will find their rest in the Lord

”Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)

# GOD'S PROMISES

“No man shall *be able to* stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with *Moses*, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you.” (Joshua 1:5)

The promises God made to Joshua and the promises He has made to us provides us with assurance that God will in fact protect us from the storms that will rage in our lives.

“You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, *Nor* of the arrow that flies by day, *Nor* of the pestilence that walks in the darkness, *Nor* of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.” (Psalm 91:5-6)

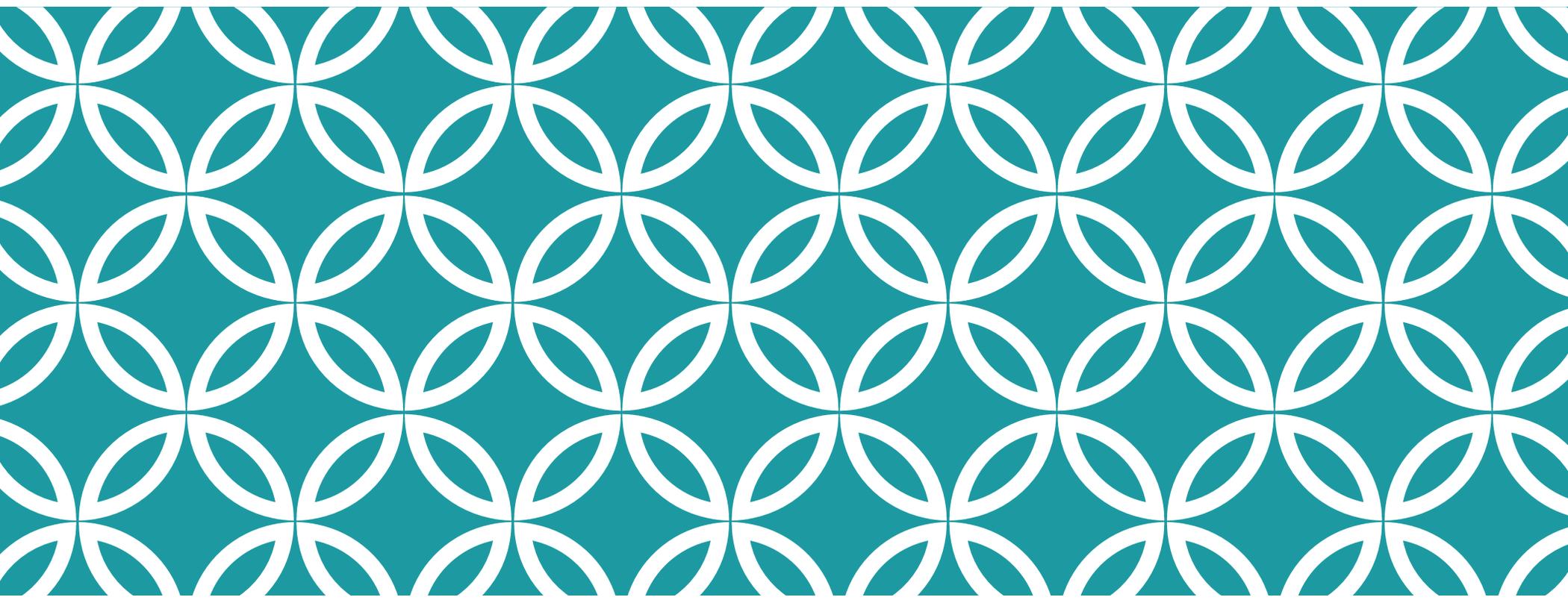
# WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?

The will of God will not lead you where the grace of God cannot keep you, whatever God allows in your life, He gives you ample grace to cope with it, and sufficient strength to triumph in it.

The God that divided the Red Sea, made it possible for Joshua to stop the sun and moon, and the one who caused the walls of Jericho to fall is on your side.

## ISAIAH 41:10-14

**10** “ ‘Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I/ will uphold you with My righteous right hand’ **11** ‘Behold, all those who were incensed against you Shall be ashamed and disgraced; They shall be as nothing, And those who strive with you shall perish. **12** You shall seek them and not find them— Those who contended with you. Those who war against you Shall be as nothing, As a nonexistent thing. **13** For I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, Saying to you, **14** ‘Fear not, I will help you.’ Fear not, you worm Jacob, You men of Israel! I will help you”, says the Lord Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.”



# THE POSSIBILITY OF FAITH

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“<sup>39</sup> Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace, be still!” And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.”

Christ's faith conquered all fear

# IMPERFECT LOVE

The disciples fear was an example of imperfect love

“<sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.” (1 John 4:18)

The disciples had accepted Christ's messiahship, but had an inadequate, insufficient and poor view of what the office carried with it.

When you have Christ and you still fear you are displaying an imperfect love and a lack of understanding of who Christ is

# WHY SHOULD WE BE FEARFUL?

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, they stumbled and fell. Though an army may encamp against me, My heart will not fear; Though war arise against me, In this I will be confident.” (Psalm 27:1-3)

“Behold God is my salvation. I will trust and not be afraid; For YAH, the Lord, is my strength and song, He also has become my salvation.” (Isaiah 12:2)

# DID YOU KNOW?

When you say a situation is hopeless, you belittle God, undermine His power and make Him a liar. What can be more demeaning and dishonoring than declaring “impossibility” before Him who says all things are possible

Faith strengthening, faith encouraging, faith energizing, faith empowering, faith embodying the heart to deliver from fear of man, faith conquers sin, and faith relies on the word of God.

The true test of your faith is not your attitude in the times of peace, but your disposition in the times of crisis; your ability to remain calm and confident in the storms of life, is a reflection of how much grace you have in you, and how much trust you have in God.

