

Luke 8:22-23 (CSB)

22 One day he and his disciples got into a boat, and he told them, "Let's cross over to the other side of the lake." So they set out, 23 and as they were sailing he fell asleep. Then a fierce windstorm came down on the lake; they were being swamped and were in danger.

Luke 8:24 (CSB)

24 They came and woke him up, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to die!" Then he got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves. So they ceased, and there was a calm.

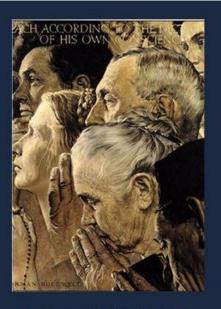
Luke 8:25 (CSB)

25 He said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were fearful and amazed, asking one another, "Who then is this? He commands even the winds and the waves, and they obey him!"

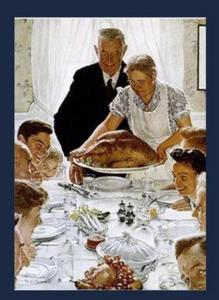
THE FOUR FREEDOMS



FREEDOM OF **SPEECH**



FREEDOM OF WORSHIP



WANT



FREEDOM FROM FREEDOM FROM FEAR



"Master, master, we're going to die!" (v. 24)

"I have awaken afraid, in need of your comfort, O God. I have awakened in darkness, in need of your light. Father, keep watch. Spirit, calm fear. Jesus, be near."

"Your presence abides with your children forever, and I am your child.
Therefore, I know that you are with me. I am not alone.

I am never alone. You are here. Father, keep watch. Spirit, calm fear. Jesus, be near." "Who then is this? He commands even the winds and the waves, and they obey him!" (v. 25)

"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Don't let your heart be troubled or fearful... I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world." (John 14:27; 16:33)

"Where is your faith?" (v. 25)

Faith is hope in the unseen, rooted in a confident trust in Christ's character, power, and promise.

"Is it right for you to be this fearful?"

The level of crippling fear we carry in this life is inversely related to the quality of our faith.

"Brave"

- (Ita. bravo) bold
- (Lat. *barbarus*) wild, savage, untamed
- The quality of FEARLESSNESS

"Courageous"

- (Fr. coeur) heart
- The ability to confront something painful, difficult, or dangerous *despite* any fear
- A choice, driven by a cause

"For you are saved by grace through faith." (Ephesians 2:8)

"The righteous one will *live by* his faith." (Habakkuk 2:4)

"Be strong and courageous; don't be terrified or afraid... For the LORD your God is the one who will go with you; he will not leave you or abandon you." (Deuteronomy 31:6)

"God is our refuge and strength, a helper who is always found in times of trouble. Therefore we will not be afraid, though the earth trembles and the mountains topple into the depths of the seas." (Psalm 46:1-2)

"Even when I go through the darkest valley, I fear no danger, for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me." (Psalm 23:4)

"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will hold on to you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

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

Come to Jesus in prayer.

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God.. casting all your cares on him, because he cares about you." (1 Peter 5:6-7)

"The Lord is near. Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:5-7)

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- Take every thought captive & rebuke fear's lies with Scripture's truth.

"The weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but are powerful through God for the demolition of strongholds. We demolish arguments and every proud thing that is raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to obey Christ." (2 Corinthians 10:4-5)

"Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life." (John 6:68)

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- Take every thought captive & rebuke fear's lies with Scripture's truth.
- Limit your focus & rest in God's love.

"Don't worry about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matthew 6:34)

"But when he saw the strength of the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Immediately Jesus reached out his hand, caught hold of him, and said to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?'" (Matthew 14:30-31)

"There is no fear in love; instead perfect love drives out fear, because fear involves punishment. The one who fears is not complete in love." (1 John 4:18)

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