

Notes for Matthew 8:23-27

Hebrew & Greek pronunciation spelled phonetically (in parenthesis)



Matthew 8:19-22 – And a scribe came up and said to him, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.” 20 And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” 21 Another of the disciples said to him, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” 22 And Jesus said to him, “Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead.”

Acts 14:22 – strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.

In Exodus 14:1-14, even though the Israelites obey God's directions, He leads them into a trap at the Red Sea where they find themselves pinned against the water by Pharaoh's advancing army. Terrified by this immediate danger, the people panic and question their obedience, but Moses reassures them that God will fight on their behalf if they only stand firm.

Acts 27:21-26 – Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul stood up among them and said, “Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and incurred this injury and loss. 22 Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. 23 For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, 24 and he said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.’ 25 So take heart, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. 26 But we must run aground on some island.”

Seismos (Size-mohs) - the Greek word Matthew uses for storm usually describes an earthquake or a violent shaking and is where we get seismic. The storm was violent tossing and shaking.

Mark 4:37-38 – And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. 38 But he 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?”

Luke 8:23 – and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger.

The sea of Galilee is really a freshwater lake and is only about the size of Upper Klamath Lake in Oregon. But, due to location and terrain, it can have severe storms. Winds that come off the hills, especially the Golan Heights to the east, can be deadly to small boats. A storm in March 1992 sent waves 10 feet high crashing into the city of Tiberias, causing significant damage.

Jonah 1:4-6 - But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. 5 Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. 6 So the captain came and said to him, “What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.”

Acts 27:13-19 – Now when the south wind blew gently, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, they weighed anchor and sailed along Crete, close to the shore. 14 But soon a tempestuous wind, called the northeaster, struck down from the land. 15 And when the ship was caught and could not face the wind, we gave way to it and were driven along. 16 Running under the lee of a small island called Cauda, we managed with difficulty to secure the ship's boat. 17 After hoisting it up, they used supports to undergird the ship. Then, fearing that they would run aground on the Syrtis, they lowered the gear, and thus they were driven along. 18 Since we were violently storm-tossed, they began the next day to jettison the cargo. 19 And on the third day they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands.

Psalm 50:15 – and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me. Hebrews 4:15-16 – For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

2 Chronicles 20:12 – O our God, will you not execute judgment on them? For we are powerless against this great horde that is coming against us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.

Mark 9:24 – Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!”

Former Navy SEAL commander, Jocko Willink, said this about combat: “Fear is normal. Every person feels fear. Step aggressively toward your fear - that’s the step toward bravery.” As Believers, we can feel fear and still pray. We can feel fear and still obey.

Matthew 6:30 – But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

Psalm 107:23-30 – Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the great waters; 24 they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep. 25 For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. 26 They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their evil plight; 27 they reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at their wits' end. 28 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. 29 He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. 30 Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

Exodus 14:21 – Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

Matthew 14:31 – Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

Job 38:8-11 – “Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, 9 when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, 10 and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, 11 and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed?’

Psalm 89:9 – You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them.

Psalm 65:7 – who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples,

Jonah 1:15-16 – So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. 16 Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows.

Mark 6:47-50 - And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. 48 And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, 49 but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, 50 for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

Matthew 8:29 - And behold, they cried out, “What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?”

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23 AND WHEN HE GOT INTO THE BOAT, HIS
DISCIPLES FOLLOWED HIM.

24 AND BEHOLD, THERE AROSE A GREAT STORM ON THE SEA, SO THAT THE BOAT WAS BEING SWAMPED BY THE WAVES; BUT HE WAS ASLEEP.

25 AND THEY WENT AND WOKE HIM,
SAYING, “SAVE US, LORD; WE ARE
PERISHING.”

26 AND HE SAID TO THEM, “WHY ARE YOU AFRAID, O YOU OF LITTLE FAITH?” THEN HE ROSE AND REBUKED THE WINDS AND THE SEA, AND THERE WAS A GREAT CALM.

27 AND THE MEN MARVELED, SAYING,
“WHAT SORT OF MAN IS THIS, THAT EVEN
WINDS AND SEA OBEY HIM?”