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Matthew 8:26-27

(26) He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. (27) The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

Mark 4:39-41

(39) He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. (40) He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" (41) They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Luke 8:25

(25) "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

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<u>Jesus'</u> awestruck disciples receive newfound understanding of the power and glory of their Lord and Master. His power definitely impresses them, but His <u>faithfulness</u>, <u>peace</u>, and the rest of the <u>fruit of the Spirit</u> (<u>Galatians 5:22-23</u>) are what truly awed them. This miracle brings them in reverence, wonder, and godly fear before Him. Christ shows that the power of the earthly elements is dwarfed by the mighty word of the Lord, and it stirs them deeply.

This reveals what the full measure of <u>God's Spirit</u> can accomplish through a faithful human being. Jesus explains to His disciples in <u>Mark 11:23-24</u>:

For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, "Be removed and

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be cast into the sea," and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

We should understand that this promise stands firm for us too, if we ask according to the will of God (I John 5:14-15).

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