

Strengthening Our Faith

Part 3

Acts 6:15

“Getting to the Other Side”

Mark 4

- Four Parables and A Boat Ride to Remember

I. Parable of the **sower** (4:3-11, 13-20)

- a. The sower is sowing the **Word**.
- b. The seed is what is **heard**.
- c. Four different **responses** to what is heard:
 1. No faith at all.
 2. Shallow, short-lived faith that goes away.
 3. Anemic faith, choked by worry, wealth, wishes.
 4. Faith that increases and strengthens.

II. Parable of a **lamp** on a lampstand (21-25)

- a. Jesus is **the Light** (22; John 8:12)
- b. Faith is **the lamp**. (21)
- c. The **lampstand** is how and where you place your **faith** to display the **light of Jesus**. (21)
- d. Genuine faith is not **hidden**. (21-22)
{Where do you **hide** or **display** your faith lamp?}
- e. Listen, **pay attention** to the Word of God that you hear. (23-24)
- f. **Use** the faith you received from what you heard. (24)
- g. The more you **use** your faith the more it will grow and increase, 30/60/100 times. (20, 24-25)
- h. Use it or **lose** it; use your **faith** or lose it. (25)

FAITH is:

- Finding **Abundance In The Hands of God**
- Forgiveness **Accepted In The Heart**
- Filtering **Anxieties Into Thy Hands**
- Faith (in Jesus Christ) **Affirms I Trust Him**

We have **faith** in God the Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit because we **trust** Him.

Trust begins and ends with the Cross.

TRUST is:

- Truly **Resting Until Something Transpires**