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**BIG IDEA | A tested faith can become a perfected faith.**

**Matthew 8:1 (NLT)**

**<sup>1</sup> Large crowds followed Jesus as he came down the mountainside.**

**Matthew 8:23 (NLT)**

**<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus got into the boat and started across the lake with his disciples.**

**Mark 4:35-36 (NIV)**

**<sup>35</sup> That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side."<sup>36</sup> Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him.**

**Matthew 8:24 (NLT)**

**<sup>24</sup> Suddenly, a fierce storm struck the lake, with waves breaking into the boat. But Jesus was sleeping.**

**Christians aren't exempt from storms. They are exempt from storms with no purpose.**

**“Storms help to make the sailors sturdy, and trials help to make Christians strong in faith.” - Charles Spurgeon**

**James 1:2-4 (NLT)**

**<sup>2</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. <sup>3</sup> For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. <sup>4</sup> So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.**

**John 14:27 (NLT)**

**<sup>27</sup> "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid"**

**Matthew 8:25 (NLT)**

**<sup>25</sup> The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!”**

**Spiritual maturity can be measured by how quickly one moves from *panic* to *peace*.**

**Psalm 42:5 (NIV)**

**<sup>5</sup> Why, my soul, are you downcast?**

**Why so disturbed within me?**

**Put your hope in God,  
for I will yet praise him,  
my Savior and my God.**

Faith is the ability to expect a miracle in the *middle* of a *mess*.

**Matthew 8:26 (NLT)**

<sup>26</sup> Jesus responded, “Why are you afraid? You have so little faith!” Then he got up and rebuked the wind and waves, and suddenly there was a great calm.

**Matthew 17:20 (NLT)**

<sup>20</sup> “You don’t have enough faith,” Jesus told them. “I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it would move. Nothing would be impossible.”

Little faith is where we *start*, but little faith isn't where we *stay*.

**Matthew 8:27 (NLT)**

<sup>27</sup> The disciples were amazed. “Who is this man?” they asked. “Even the winds and waves obey him!”