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People of the Bible and You

Kepha [John 1:42] – The Story of Little Faith

Kepha (called Peter by many) was called, “little faith” by Yahshua. His story is similar to all of ours. Let us look at a few of his characteristics and see how that is so:

1. “Little Faith” is a true disciple although a faulty one. In the past Kepha had made statements of faith – it was he who said, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living Elohim.” [Matthew 16:13-17] There is a great difference between little faith and no faith.
2. Little Faith accomplished at times a great deal. He actually walked on the water [Matthew 14:22-32], nobody but Yahshua himself did that!
3. Little Faith was on his way to Yahshua! When he took his eyes off Yahshua and looked at the boisterous wind as indicated by the angry waves, he began to sink. How often do we move forward with courage, lose sight of our goal and sink in fear and unbelief?
4. Little Faith knew how to pray, calling out to Yahshua to save him.

We see Kepha ventured forth to be with Yahshua. We too should have this attitude and be able to say like Kepha, “We have left all and have followed you.”

How was Kepha delivered? Not by his swimming or by a revival of his Faith! He was delivered wholly by Yahshua. The sinking did not end in a drowning but in deliverance. This is a lesson for us too. When we see weak members in the body of Messiah, near dead in sin, we should remember that as long as there is a spark of faith in them, Yahshua can revive them. Yahshua took Kepha's hand, caught him and brought him back safely into the ship.

When our storms in life come can we remember how to be delivered? There is a song that says, “Put your hand in the hand of the man who stilled the water, put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea.” That is how to be delivered.

The story ends with a gentle rebuke, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” Doubt means to hesitate in faith. It is the element of doubt in our faith that weakens it and makes us unfruitful, our prayers unanswered and puts us in danger of losing our lives [and/or our salvation].

And so we see, little faith is not the most desirable but it is better than no faith at all. It can be used to draw nearer to Yahshua and to a larger faith.

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Matthew 19:13-15 – Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. But Yahshua said, Permit little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence.