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Clockin' Out

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The Wind & The Waves

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The BUCK STOPS *here!*

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“This Person is certainly ‘news from across the sea,’ from beyond the planet and beyond the impassable divide between Creator and creation. He is God incarnate, yet a carpenter’s apprentice...He says and does odd things, like giving teachings almost meant to baffle rather than enlighten, or describing God’s coming kingdom as something hidden, paradoxical, and outrageous. He dies a humiliating traitor’s death, like that of an ordinary outlaw.

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“ He tells a criminal being crucified beside him that “today you will be with me in paradise,” a tragic and farcical thing coming from a dying, failed rabbi whose life has come to naught. Before expiring, he cries to God the Father, perplexed at his desertion, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” and then dies. Three days later, he comes back to life — vindicating the trust which sinners and fishermen had placed in him. He does some teaching, cooks some breakfast, maybe fishes a little, and then disappears. Two thousand years later, we’re still trying to come to grips with him.

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Jonah 1:5-6

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."

Jonah 1:11-12

11 Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. 12 He said to them, "Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you."

Matthew 12:39-41

39 But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. 41 The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

“The disciples are not abandoned to watery peril, however. Jesus “got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, ‘Quiet! Be still!’ Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.” When Jonah is thrown overboard, the sea becomes calm (Jonah 1:15); so also in the tempest on the Sea of Galilee, nature is made to conform to the repose of its Master. The grateful change is effected not by prayer or incantation, but by the authoritative word of Jesus, just as God produced order from chaos in the beginning.

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Are You Afraid
of the
Dark?

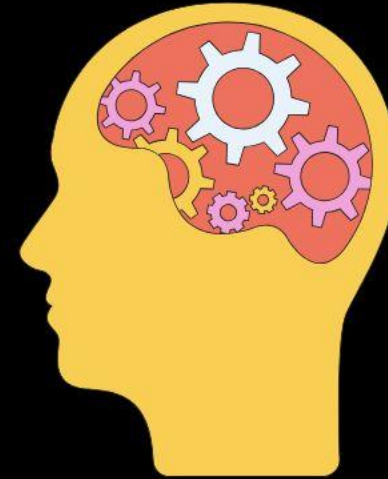
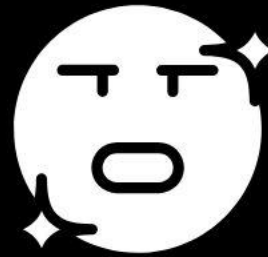




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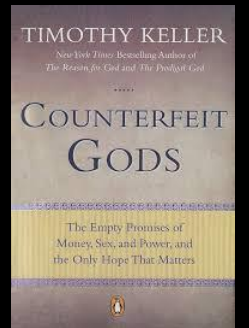
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Control Idolatry

If you seek CONTROL (self-discipline, certainty, standards)

- Your greatest nightmare: Uncertainty
- People around you often feel: Condemned
- Your problem emotion: Worry



Adapted from Tim Keller, “Counterfeit Gods”

“ Doubt, which is usually cast as the opposite of faith, is not part of this story, nor does it appear in the following accounts. In fact, in the miracle stories of 4:35–5:43 the opposite of faith is always fear. This is no small distinction. It is common to affirm, for instance, that faith is necessary in order to see or experience a miracle. That idea is consistent to some extent with the notion that doubt is the opposite of faith. In the account of Jesus’ calming the storm, however, the disciples were rescued by a miracle even though they lacked faith. If fear is the opposite of faith, how do we believe?

7 DAY Weather Now

TUE



Scattered
Storms

73

WED



Heavy
Rain

71

THU



Heavy
Rain

78

FRI



Scattered
Storms

81

70

SAT



Scattered
Storms

82

60

SUN



Heavy
Rain

76

62

MON



Heavy
Rain

74

Be Still!

10 "Be still, and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth!"

(Psalm 46:10 ESV)

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:1-5

3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

““ They had no way at that terrible moment of knowing it, but that miserable storm was a vehicle for teaching them about God and his power in their lives. The storm was essential to their spiritual development. Here we see a principle of universal and spiritual application. Without difficulties, trials, stresses, and even failures, we would never grow to be what we should become. Storms are part of the process of spiritual growth.



“What kind of man is this?” they asked themselves anxiously. “Even the winds and the waves obey him!” they said, because they didn’t understand. They didn’t realize yet that Jesus was the Son of God. Jesus’ friends had been so afraid, they had only seen the big waves. They had forgotten that, if Jesus was with them, then they had nothing to be afraid of. No matter how small their boat—or how big their storm.

Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

38 Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." 39 And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

(Matthew 26:38-39 ESV)

The Love of God

Could we with in the ocean fill
And were the skies of parchment made
Were every stalk on earth a quill
And everyone a scribe by trade
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry
Nor could the scroll contain the whole through stretched
from sky to sky

Gospel Response

Start:

Come to grips with Jesus – you can have justification and peace with God today!

Strengthen:

God has steering wheel. Let the gospel put your fear in a seatbelt in the back seat.