



ARISE AND BUILD

Neh. 2:20

“...we his servants will arise and build...”

“Building Confidence”

Two weeks ago, we considered “Building Encouragement.” Last week we considered another facet of encouragement by...FACING ADVERSITY AND FIGHTING FOR VICTORY...and, consequently, “Overcoming Discouragement.”

This morning we will consider another aspect in developing encouragement – “Building Confidence through the Storms of Life.”

Generally speaking, many people are *over-confident*, and many have *lack of confidence*. This morning we will consider an incident that would be a tool to instill courage and confidence to the disciples as they face the storms of life.

TIME TO ARISE AND BUILD A NEW MINISTRY

I. EXPECT THE LORD TO DIRECT YOUR PATH

Mark 6:45 And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people.

46 And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray.

A. Apply His Will to our Lives, 6:45a

Mark 6:45a And straightway **he constrained his disciples** to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida...”

- ❖ We should have a sense of urgency about knowing and following God's will for our lives.

Original Word: ἀναγκάζω

Transliteration: anagkazó

Definition: to necessitate, compel

Usage: I force, compel, **constrain**, urge.

anagkázō – to compel (constrain), doing so with urgency (as a *pressing necessity*).

- ❖ Before we can know, let alone do, His will for our lives, we must be willing to serve Him, by faith, as He is pleased.

Rom. 15:1 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and **not to please ourselves**.

2 Let every one of us please *his* neighbour for *his* good to edification.

3 For even **Christ pleased not himself**; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

❖ By nature, we want to please ourselves – by God's grace, we need to please Him:

Gal. 1:10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or **do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ**.

Heb. 11:6 But **without faith it is impossible to please him**: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

❖ In order to know and do His will, we must be in humble submission to Him:

Rom. 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.**

2 And **be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

Prov. 3:5 **Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.**

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and **he shall direct thy paths.**

❖ As we apply His will to our lives, we must not be overly concerned with that which is none of our business.

B. Accept His Will for others' Lives, 6:45b-46

Mark 6:45b "...while he sent away the people. 46 And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray."

- ❖ God's will is not the same for every believer – some sent unto Bethsaida and some sent home.
- ❖ The Lord had His own agenda = "...he departed into a mountain to pray."
- ❖ Believers must focus personally on God's will:

Jn. 21:20 Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?

21 Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, **Lord, and what shall this man do?**

22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, **what is that to thee? follow thou me.**

❖ Believers must realize that while being obedient to God's will, problems may arise.

II. EXPECT THE LORD TO DISCERN YOUR PROBLEMS

Mark 6:47 And **when even was come**, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land.

48 And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and **about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them**, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them.

A. Faithful Believers are NOT Exempt from Problems while Doing the Lord's Will.

Mark 6:47 And **when even was come**, the ship was **in the midst of the sea**, and **he alone** on the land.

- ❖ While “in the midst” of obeying God’s will, there was an apparent disconnect with the Lord: “...the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land.”

Acts 17:27 That **they should seek the Lord**, if haply they might feel after him, **and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:**

❖ The delay in the deliverance magnified the futility of self-confidence:

Mark 6:48 And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and **about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them**, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them.

- The Lord was aware of their “toiling in rowing” “when even was come.”
- The “storm” was a test of their spirituality.

Original Word: βασανίζω

Transliteration: basanizó

Definition: to torture

Usage: I examine, as by torture; I torment; I buffet, as of waves (toiling)

basanízō (from *básanos*, "a tormenting trial") – properly, to examine (literally by using *torture*).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/928.htm>

TORMENT = To put to extreme pain or anguish; to inflict excruciating pain and misery, either of body or mind.

<http://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/torment>

- The disciples were experiencing physical and mental torture.
- The disciples' efforts were an exercise of futility = going nowhere.

❖ Every believer will encounter times of discouragement.

1 Cor. 10:13a “**There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man...**”

B. Faithful Believers CAN Expect Provisions while Doing the Lord's Will:

1 Cor. 10:13b “...but **God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able**; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.”

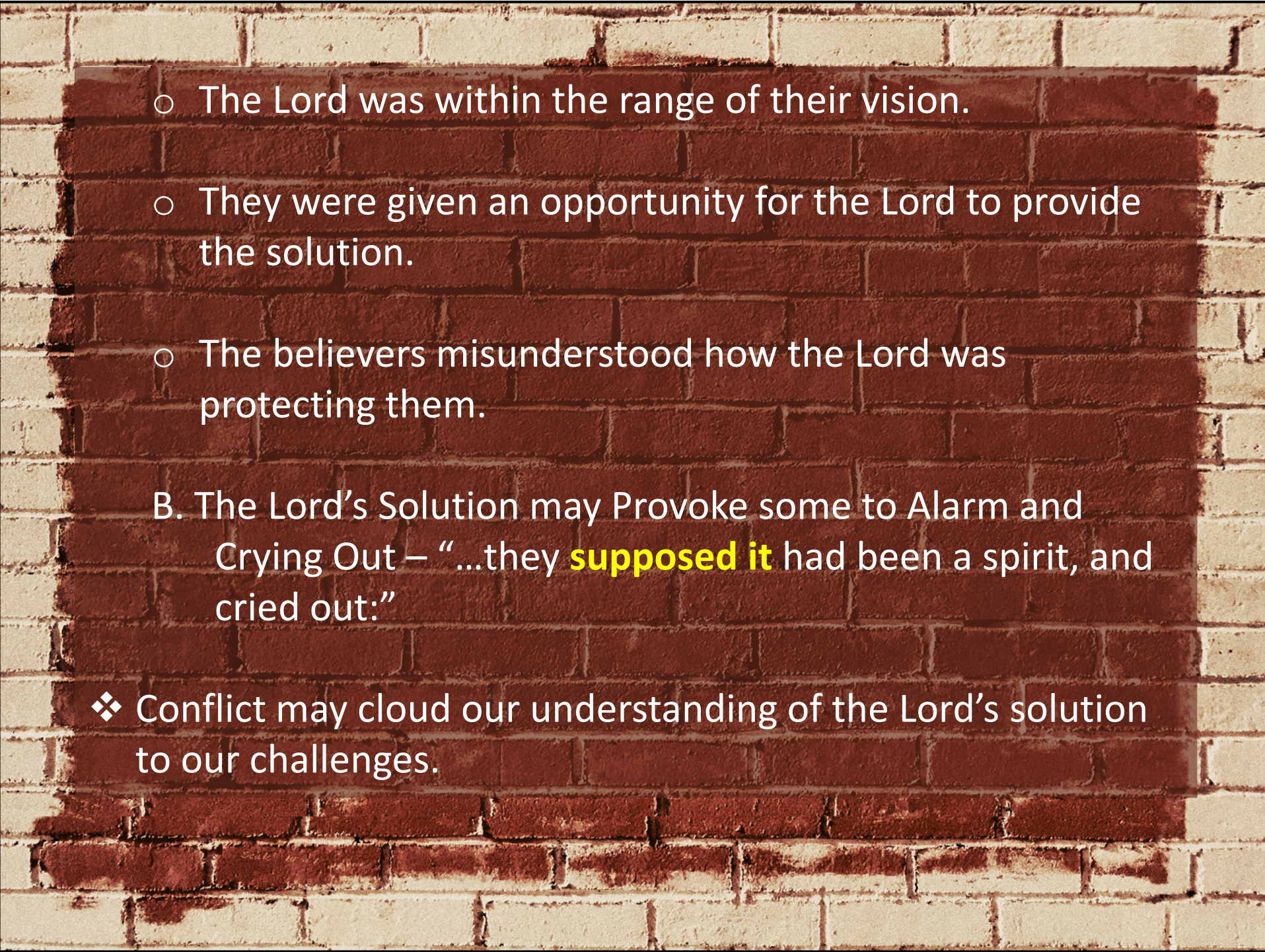
1 Pet. 5:9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, **knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.**

III. EXPECT THE LORD TO DIRECT HIS PROTECTION

Mark 6:49 But when **they saw him walking upon the sea**, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out:

A. The Lord's Solution to our Problems is not Always Clear:

Mark 6:49a "But when **they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed** it had been a spirit..."

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- The Lord was within the range of their vision.
 - They were given an opportunity for the Lord to provide the solution.
 - The believers misunderstood how the Lord was protecting them.

B. The Lord's Solution may Provoke some to Alarm and Crying Out – "...they **supposed it** had been a spirit, and cried out:"

- ❖ Conflict may cloud our understanding of the Lord's solution to our challenges.

Original Word: δοκέω

Transliteration: dokeó

Definition: to have an opinion, to seem

Usage: I think, seem, appear, it seems.

dokéō – **properly, suppose (what "seems to be"), forming an opinion (a personal judgment, estimate).**

dokéō ("suppose") **directly reflects the personal perspective (values) of the person making the subjective judgment call,** i.e. showing what they *esteem* (or *not*) as an *individual*. <https://biblehub.com/greek/1380.htm>

IV. EXPECT THE LORD TO DELIVER HIS PEACE

Mark 6:50 For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately **he talked with them**, and saith unto them, **Be of good cheer**: it is I; be not afraid.

51 And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered.

52 For they considered not *the miracle* of the loaves: for their heart was hardened.

A. The Fear Encountered

Mark 6:50 For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately **he talked with them**, and saith unto them, **Be of good cheer**: it is I; be not afraid.

- ❖ There was unity in “seeing” as well as in being troubled – “For they all saw him, and were troubled...”
- ❖ Conflict and confusion in life are an agitation to the soul.

Original Word: ταραάσσω

Transliteration: tarassó

Definition: to stir up, to trouble

Usage: I disturb, agitate, stir up, trouble.

tarássō – properly, put in motion (to agitate back-and-forth, shake to-and-fro); (figuratively) to set in motion what needs to remain still (at ease); to "trouble" ("agitate"), causing inner perplexity (emotional agitation) from getting too stirred up inside ("upset").

<https://biblehub.com/greek/5015.htm>

❖ “The soul-lution” begins with listening to the voice of the Lord – “...And immediately he talked with them...”

❖ The message of the Lord to a troubled soul is... “...Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.”

Original Word: θαρρέω

Transliteration: tharreó

Definition: to **be of good courage**

Usage: I am courageous, confident, **of good cheer**.

tharrhéō (a later form of *tharséō*, "to show boldness," see NAS dictionary) – to show courage (boldness).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2292.htm>

Original Word: θαρσέω

Transliteration: tharseó

Definition: to be of good courage

Usage: I am of good courage, good cheer, am bold.

tharséō (from the root *thar-*, "*bolstered* because *warmed up*," derived from *thársos*, "*emboldened* from within") – **properly, bolstered within which supports unflinching courage – literally, to radiate warm confidence (exude "social boldness") because warm-hearted.**

tharséō ("*emboldened* to show courage") refers to *God bolstering the believer*, empowering them with a *bold inner-attitude* (to be "of good courage"). For the believer, *tharséō* ("showing boldness") is **the result of the Lord infusing His strength by His inworking of faith** ("*inbirthed persuasion*," *pístis*). **Showing this unflinching, bold courage means living out the inner confidence (inner bolstering) that is Spirit-produced.** <https://biblehub.com/greek/2293.htm>

❖ When we hear, and know the voice of our Shepherd, we can have courage and “good cheer” knowing the Lord is with us.

Psa. 95:7 For **he is our God**; and we *are* the people of his pasture, and **the sheep of his hand**. To day **if ye will hear his voice**,

8 **Harden not your heart**, as in the provocation, *and as in* the day of temptation in the wilderness:

Jn. 10:4 And when he putteth forth **his own sheep**, **he goeth before them**, and **the sheep follow him: for they know his voice**.

B. The Fellowship Enjoyed

Mark 6:51 And **he went up unto them** into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered.

1 Jn. 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, **that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.**

6 If we say that we have **fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:**

7 But **if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another**, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

C. The Faithlessness Exposed

Mark 6:52 For they considered not *the miracle* of the loaves: for **their heart was hardened.**

Jn. 20:27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust *it* into my side: and **be not faithless, but believing.**

Rom. 1:17 For therein is **the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith:** as it is written, **The just shall live by faith.**

2 Cor. 5:7 (For **we walk by faith**, not by sight:)

Heb. 10:38 Now **the just shall live by faith:** but **if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.**

Conclusion

Eph. 3:14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

16 That he would grant you, **according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;**

17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts **by faith**; that ye, **being rooted and grounded in love,**

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19 And **to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.**

20 Now unto **him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think**, according to the power that worketh in us,

21 **Unto him be glory** in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.