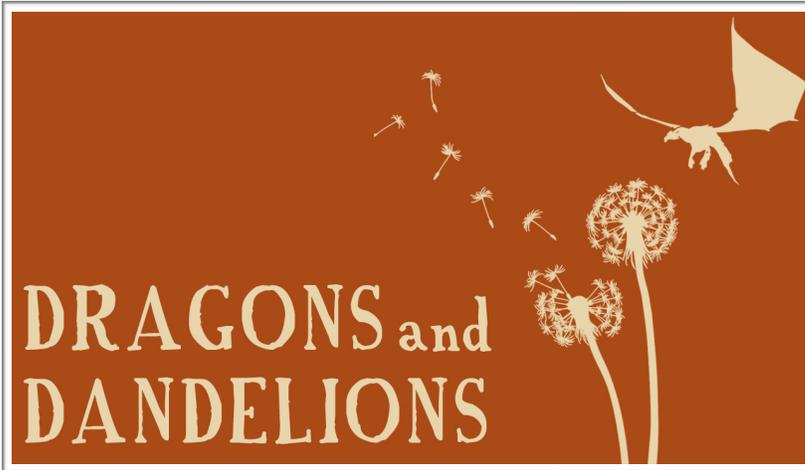


KESSID SERMON NOTES



Sermon
"You Say"

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(Vs) Matt. 13:44-46 – "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it."

I'm not sure anyone pursued God (Faith) with more fervency than Peter the Apostle...

Even Peter's Calling... *(Vs) Matt. 4:18-20 – "While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."^[a] ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him."*

The Famous Storm Story...

(Vs) Matt. 14:22-28 – "Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid. And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come."

- *"So, Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!"*

Peter wants to be where Jesus is... So, he steps out!

- He moves in full faith to him... A blind, ignorant, fearful, tearful, Faith!
- "I can't breathe, Jesus!!!"
- Jesus immediately reached out His hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

This Story is a very raw picture of EVERYONE'S faith Journey...

- So much of our Faith feels like were searching in this dark place... Because we are.
- Your faith doesn't change the storm. Jesus just makes himself present in it.

(Vs) Acts 17:26-27 – And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet He is actually not far from each one of us..."

(Vs) Acts 17:27 King James – "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:"

(Vs) Acts 17:27 ISV – "...so that they might look for God, somehow reach for him, and find him. Of course, he is never far from any one of us."

Christ says Faith is so often lived in this place that we should expect it...

(Vs) 2nd Cor. 1:3-5 – "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too."

Jesus is saying, "This world is going to damage you! Dragons and Dandelions (Storms) are coming!"

(Vs) John 15:18-19 – "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you."

"The World's goal is to bring life ending Trauma into your life."

- Not for the sheer enjoyment of what trauma does but because of what it leaves behind.
- And so, Christ comes to put an end to this broken Storm System.
- But not by making it go away... instead by entering into it.

Christ came to bring Redemptive "healing to the wounds of our hearts"

(Vs) Isaiah 44:22 – "I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you."

- And we all need this to address our wounds... To get the help we need!

Note: "Without Redemption we are left with only our own Reenactment"

Peter - Reenactment and Redemption...

- Peter's back in another boat...
- Reenacting what He knows... But Jesus isn't confused about all that...(Vs) John 21:4-8 – "Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore..."
- Peter jumps back in the water... AGAIN! Under and up, under and up he goes...
- Meeting Jesus just as he met Him before - Cold and Wet again!

(Vs) John 21:9-13 – "When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread..."

At this point... Peter is sitting inside a hurricane of emotion and doubt...

- He's drowning in the choices he's made... And into the Storm Jesus walks to meet Him...

(Vs) John 21:15-17 – "When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter..."

- Again, to Peter "Jesus says" "Follow me" / "Come after me" -
- "Let me Redeem this brokenness in your life you keep Reenacting!"
- And now Peter knows... All he has to do is reach out in FAITH!
- So, he does.

Do you believe what Jesus says?

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand... I will never leave you nor forsake you... I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

Are you reaching out for Him?

- Are you living a life filled with Reenactment or Redemption?