

LIFE-CHANGE: YOU HAVE TO MOVE
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MATT 8:23-27

23Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. 24Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. 25The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"

26He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

27The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

I. What kind of man is this?

A. Deconstruction

1. Arrogance/Pride
2. Authority/Control
3. Atheism/Disbelieving
 - a) a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a supreme being/God
4. Agnosticism/Uncertainty
 - a) One who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a God.

B. Relocation -- **At some point you have to move** for life-change to occur

Matt 7:24-27

24"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

1. **Broken dependence** versus defiant independence

Mark 1:40-42 parallel **Matt 8:1-3**

⁴⁰A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you can make me clean."

⁴¹Filled/Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" ⁴²Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured.

Webster's on "Compassion": A feeling of deep sympathy and sorrow for someone in the midst of a tragedy, accompanied by a desire to alleviate the suffering.

- a) **As we move toward Him, He is moved toward us**
- b) **For the leper there is no comfort in uncertainty**
- c) **For the leper there is no alleviation in atheism**
- d) **For the leper there is no false sense of control**
- e) **For the leper there is no preventative pride**

2. **Just say the word**

Matt 8:5-13

5When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. 6"Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering."

7Jesus said to him, "I will go and heal him."

8The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But **just say the word, and my servant will be healed.** 9For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

10When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith..."

13Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! It will be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that very hour.

- A. As a Roman soldier this man was entitled and by all natural means engulfed with the four A's
- B. He had to move
 - a. For his servant to live
- C. You have a part to play for the sake of others
- D. How might we experience life-change if our faith grew to believe that we serve a God who merely has to speak the word.