

Believers vs. Doubters.

Where do we desire to be, INSIDE or OUTSIDE?

The passages shared from the Gospel of Mark highlight **two moments** where faith and trust in Jesus are central themes. Here's a reflection on both passages and the spiritual message they convey:

Mark 5:35-43 – The Healing of Jairus' Daughter

In this **account**, Jairus, a synagogue ruler, comes to Jesus, pleading for his daughter's life. When news arrives that his daughter has died, Jesus encourages Jairus **not to fear but to believe**. Upon arriving at the house, Jesus finds people mourning, and when He declares that the girl is not dead but asleep, **they laugh at Him**. **In response**, Jesus separates those who are filled with doubt and disbelief, allowing only the girl's parents and His closest disciples to witness the miracle. The message here is profound: to experience the power and presence of Christ, one must have faith. Jesus' act of putting the doubters outside serves as a metaphor for choosing to be "**inside**" the room with faith, **trusting** in Him, rather than "**outside**" with **skepticism**.

Mark 4:35-41 – Calming the Storm

This passage depicts a different kind of test of faith. As Jesus and His disciples cross the lake, a violent storm threatens to capsize their boat. The disciples, filled with fear, wake Jesus, questioning whether He cares about their fate. After calming the storm with a **command**, **Jesus questions their lack of faith**. Here, the message is about trusting Jesus even when circumstances seem overwhelming. Faith does not guarantee the absence of storms, but it does provide assurance of His presence and **power over the situation**.

Connecting the Themes

Both passages emphasize the importance of being "inside" with Jesus—whether in a **room** or a **storm**—and placing one's faith (Romans 12:3) in the **faith of Him** despite outward circumstances or inner doubts. Being "outside" can symbolize living without that intimate trust and confidence in Christ. The choice is between staying with Jesus, where peace and miracles can happen, or remaining outside, where fear and doubt prevail.

The question, "**Inside with Jesus or outside without Him?**" challenges us to examine where we place our trust. Are we **willing** to stay close to Him and believe in His power even when circumstances look dangerous, or uncertain? These **accounts** call believers to embrace a life of faith, remaining "inside" the room of trust and intimacy with Christ.

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