

Ready for Change

The disciples had a crisis of faith at sea

- ³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples,
"Let us go over to the other side."
³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was,
in the boat. There were also other boats with him.
³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat,
so that it was nearly swamped.
³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion.
The disciples woke him and said to him,
"Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"
³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves,
"Quiet! Be still!"
Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.
⁴⁰ He said to his disciples,
"Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"
⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other,
"Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" Mark4:35-41

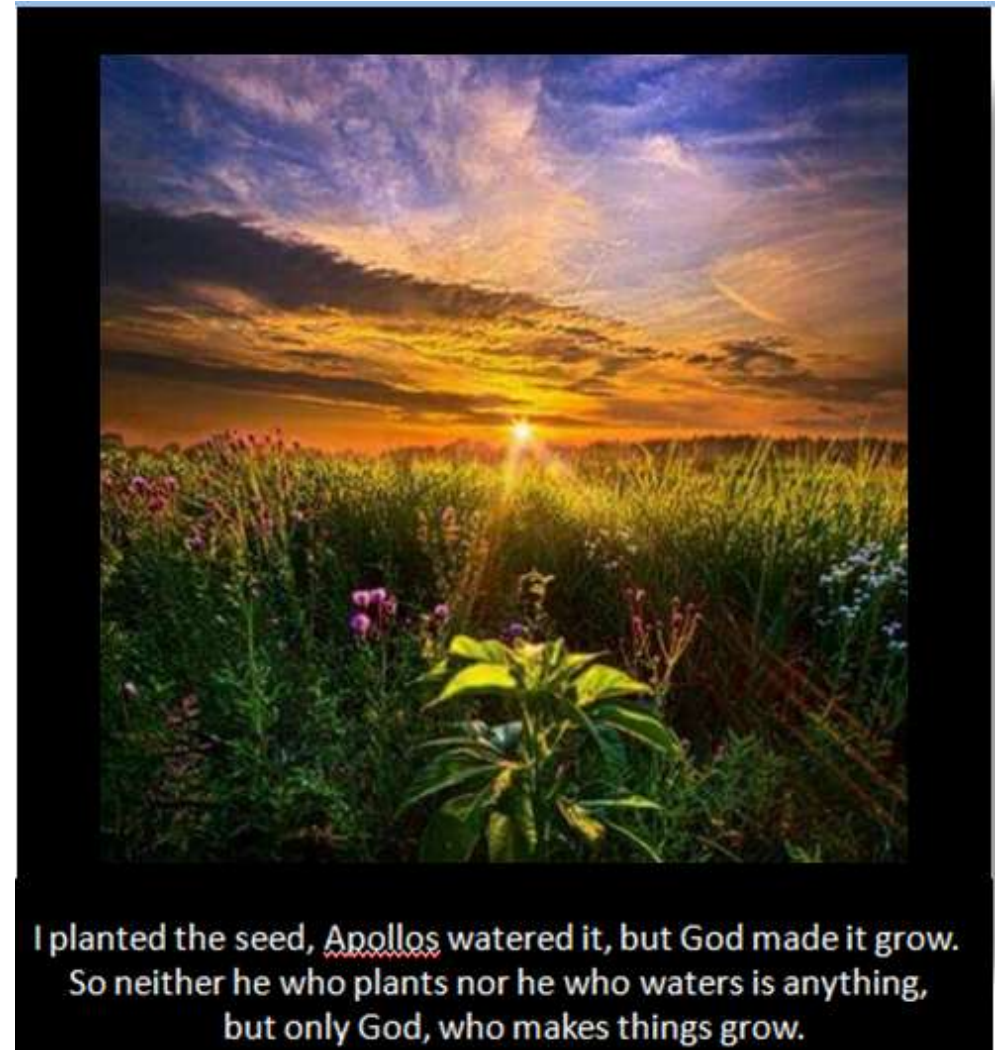
Paul faced a crisis of division in the church at Corinth

- ⁵ What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through
whom you came to believe-- as the Lord has assigned to each his task.
⁶ I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.
⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything,
but only God, who makes things grow.
⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose,
and each will be rewarded according to their own labor.
⁹ For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.
¹⁰ By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder,
and someone else is building on it.
But each one should build with care.
¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid,
which is Jesus Christ.

Their understanding of church was both too high & too low

- ¹⁶ Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple
and that God's Spirit lives in you?
¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person;
for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

1 Corinthians 3:5-11, 16-17



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Crisis in the boat

The disciples didn't truly know Jesus until terrified
Before, he was "Teacher." After, he was "LORD."

They wanted him to do things for them;
but he wanted them to trust him always

Crisis in the church

Allegiance to any one leader or group can be divisive,
And divisive people can easily destroy the church.

Pastors are only servants; Christ alone is the Master.
The local church belongs to him alone.



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Set your hope fully on the grace to be
given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1 Peter 1:13b

The Commands of Jesus

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul
and mind. And love your neighbor as yourself.

Portions of Matthew 22:37-38



Peace, Be Still! by Stephen Gjertson

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