

THE OFFICIANT
-Speaking Series-
EP 3: 'WAVES OF FAITH'

Suggested Run Time: 4-min 30-sec
 (Start 3:15 ~ End 7:45)

-IN THIS CLIP-

*James (Episode 2) has chosen to live.
 But unsettling word around the Hospice Hall is he's petitioned Chaplain to pray for him to die.*

JAMES 1:6-8

-Scripture Reference-

But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

-BIG IDEA-

'HE'S GOD ... WE'RE NOT'

POINT ONE:

FEAR IS LAUGHABLE COMPARED TO FAITH

1A) *Mudbug, Retired Navy; Decorated & Discouraged, says James is a stronger spirit whose death would be a scary reflection of his own. Sound Familiar to you, or those you know?*

People choose to put their Faith in the strength of others...
 Ultimately robbing themselves of knowing God more deeply by experiencing the joy of Faith.

1B) *Mudbug says... as this point in his life, if he sees prayer fail (for James) it'll finish him. His Hope is depleting...since he's putting his focus on what he sees.*

It's easy to lose Hope when it's placed into false havens.
 Satan wants us to focus our hope in people or circumstance, so to pull us away from Faith.

APPLICATION:

LOOK UP THEN AIM HIGHER

When tempted to look to others/circumstance for strength, catch your breath and Look Upward!
 Once your gaze is off the things of earth, then, Aim Higher, setting sights on seeing our Father.

POINT TWO:**FAITH BIRTHS JOY**

2A) *Chaplain responds in confidence when asked if James will die, 'Yes, but not by his hand.' They set a plan of action agreeing Prayer is real, reviving Faith. What's your Faith Plan?*

God's People are called to confidence in Faith, so to be effective in positive service for others.
There is Freedom in Faith allowing Joy to follow quickly after.

2B) *Chaplain reassures Mudbug it's God's plan not ours. He's God, we're not. Allowing us to pray for others confidently, even when the scenario brings up our own brokenness.*

*When 'all hope is lost' trust that God hears our prayer.
Faith is knowing He IS answering...one way or another...and HE, has our best path ready.*

APPLICATION:**LOOK UP THEN AIM HIGHER**

What plan do you have for going to battle for others?
Faith of a mustard seed? Less, or more?
Why would we believe in prayer, but not believe it will work?

CONCLUSION:**What Does This Scene Look Like From The Holy Spirit's Perspective?**

-MATTHEW 6:10

'Your Kingdom Come, Your Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.'

Why do we claim to have Faith in Prayer...yet only rejoice when it works to our earthly favor?
Ultimately there's nothing more selfish than trying to be the 'little-g god of our own world.'

'Selfishness breeds fear...' -Mudbug

APPLICATION:

Where Does Your Confidence Come From?
More Importantly, Why?

This Speaking Guide is formed with flexibility within each section, so the Speaker (you) may insert personal analogies and illustrations, to enhance the personal experience of your specific audience. Enjoy!

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