The Red-Letter Words of Yeshua ∼ Part 69

Miracles and Multitudes ~ Part 3

In our last post, we began a new topic entitled **Miracles and Multitudes**. This post as we look at more **Miracles and Multitudes**.

Yeshua and Kefa Walk on Water

16 When evening came, His talmidim went down to the lake, ¹⁷ got into a boat and set out across the lake toward K'far-Nachum. By now, it was dark, Yeshua had not yet joined them, ^{18,} and the sea was getting rough. ¹ ⁴⁸ He saw that they were having difficulty rowing because the wind was against them; so at around four o'clock in the morning, He came toward them, walking on the lake! ² Because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ They had rowed three or four miles when they saw Yeshua approaching the boat, walking on the lake! He meant to come alongside them; ³ ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought it was a ghost and let out a shriek; ⁵⁰ for they had all seen him and were terrified. However, He spoke to them. "Courage," He said, "it is I. Stop being afraid!" ⁴

²⁸ Then Kefa called to him, "Lord if it is really you, tell me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ "Come!" he said. So Kefa got out of the boat and walked on the water toward Yeshua. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he became afraid, and as he began to sink, he yelled, "Lord! Save me!"

³¹ Yeshua immediately stretched out His hand, took hold of him, and said to him, "Such little trust! Why did you doubt?"

Such little trust Kefa has, even though a moment before he had much (v. 29). Trust is only present tense; it does not build up like a bank account. **Yeshua's** rebuke restored it: he walked back to the boat (v. 32). From this, we learn the value of well-founded rebuke to the spiritually sensitive, that is, people open to correction.

³² As they went up into the boat, the wind ceased. ⁵ ⁵¹ He got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. They were completely astounded, ⁵² for they did not understand about the loaves; on the contrary, their hearts had been made stonelike. ⁶ ³³ The men in the boat fell down before Him and exclaimed, "You really are God's son!" ⁷

²² The next day, the crowd which had stayed on the other side of the lake noticed that there had been only one boat there and that Yeshua had not entered the boat with His talmidim but that the talmidim had been alone when they sailed off. ²³ Then, other boats from Tiberias came ashore near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had made the b'rakhah. ²⁴ Accordingly, when the crowd saw that neither Yeshua nor His talmidim were there, they themselves boarded the boats and made for K'far-Nachum in search of Yeshua. ⁸

In our next post, we will continue examining the **Miracles and Multitudes** series beginning in **Yochanan** 6:25.

¹ John 6:17b-18a.

² Mark 6:48.

³ John 6:18b-19.

⁴ Mark 6:49-50.

⁵ Matthew 14:28-32.

⁶ Mark 6:51–52.

⁷ Matthew 14:33.

⁸ Yochanan 6:22–24.