



A PRAYER I NEED

"Lord, I am perishing. Save me."

Matthew 8:25

You must pray in your own life so that God can build the character you need to reach into someone else's life.

A Few Thoughts

- *When we pray, we talk to the Lord; we don't see Him.*
 - *When the disciples prayed, they talked to the Lord; they saw Him.*
 - *Prayer is communicating with Jesus - connecting our hearts with His.*
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1. Where were the disciples when they yelled out this prayer (Matt. 8:23-25)?

- *It is possible that not all 12 of the disciples were called yet, so we're not sure who was in the ship. Chances are they were all fisherman.*

2. Yes No Do you think this was the first storm on the sea they'd been in?
3. Storms are very intense on the sea, but why did they freak out like this?
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Before the Boat Ride

- *These disciples were new at this; they had been called by Jesus recently.*
- *They saw something new & incredible - the healing of many people. (They saw it.)*
- *They heard an overwhelming sermon that scared them to death.*

4. Yes No Don't you think they were already perishing (drowning) in their heads & wondering what they had gotten themselves into before the storm?
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Don't Be Hard on these Men.

- *Sure, they saw Jesus was sleeping while the ship was about to sink. He wasn't doing anything to help them.*
- *BUT, You and I feel the same. Our personal ship (life) is sinking and we cannot see Him; we don't know if He is helping or not. (maybe, even asleep?)*

5. Yes No Did Jesus wake up and tell the men not to bother Him?

6. Could Jesus be hurt by what we do. "I am here with you; why are you afraid?"
Explain. _____

7. Don't be afraid to call out, "Lord, help me quick; I am drowning here." What good will it do for you and me? (Matt. 8:27) _____
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8. Yes No Did Jesus answer that prayer right there in the sea?

9. Yes No Did that answer equip them later in life to prove God's presence?