

Last week in the gospel we heard about Jesus stilling the storm. We are coming into a series of stories about the miraculous things Jesus did. We hear these stories and we are in awe of the powers and abilities of Christ.

It would be tempting to stop there. It would be tempting to say these stories are only about the amazing deeds of Jesus – who lived long ago and leave it at that. But if we did that—we would be missing the point.

Jesus has a lot to say **about** what the disciples – and I’m not talking here just about the 12—but about all of US- about what we should be learning from these events. On the surface these stories are about Jesus, it is true. But if we look further, we see that they are also about the followers of Jesus (us).

After stilling the water in last week’s gospel, the disciples were full of talk about “how amazing” Jesus’ behavior was. But Jesus brought the conversation back to them: “Why were you afraid? Have you no faith?” In other words: have you no commitment to what you believe? Why are you not willing to act on your trust in God?

Now we have Jesus and the disciples going to Jairus’ house. But it seems that they have arrived too late, Jairus’ daughter is dead.

But Jesus goes inside to heal the this 12 year old girl. Everyone is whispering, “He’s crazy. He’s too late... You’ll see—it will be impossible.” I’m pretty sure that’s what they all said. “The man is trying to do the impossible.”

Why is this person—they ask—always trying to do the impossible? Then— we all know the story-- Jesus does the impossible – and

everyone is impressed. Even the disciples, who presumably have seen Jesus do this over and over again.

And Jesus again says to the disciples (us), “You will do these things too. And more.”

Right, sure we will. we say.

How many things do we tell ourselves are impossible?

How many things do we not even attempt because we are so sure they will fail.

Why is that?

Let’s remember back to when we were children. (For some that’s a much shorter journey than for others of us.)

Now, when we were children ANYTHING was possible. The world was fresh and new and filled nothing was impossible. And then, at some point in our lives--- we turned away from that.

Well, Jesus is here to remind us – through this story this morning, and through our own life stories—that we don’t have to be stuck in impossibility—anything is possible even when we are much more sure that the world is all about what can’t be done—rather than what can.

Meister Eckhart, a Christian mystic from the 13th century wrote:

“The seed of God is in us. If you are an intelligent and hardworking farmer, this seed inside you will thrive and grow up into God, whose seed it is, and its fruits will be God fruits. Pear seeds grow into pear trees, nut seeds grow into Nut trees and God seeds grow into God. “

But do we believe this?

Jesus doesn't want us to be clones of him, he wants us to be our own persons. Jesus shows us that with God, nothing—not stilling a storm, not walking on water, not feeding 5000 people is impossible.

We are linked with God forever, and that link is strong and full of potential. For all of us.

We are a God seed. God made us, and will always be linked with us. We can choose to ignore this link, but it's always there. We never have to “find” God. God never lets us go. We are connected forever.

Perhaps that's the insight that Jesus was demonstrating for his disciples. (us)

He was showing us that if we become good farmers, we will grow our God seeds into God Trees, and then the word impossible becomes I M possible. I'm possible.

Amen.