

Bermudian Church of the Brethren

WEDNESDAY'S WORD – a midweek thought from Pastor Larry M. Dentler
to share a word of inspiration ... encouragement ... challenge ... a smile ... in the middle of your week
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Believing Is Seeing

The Wolf Eel (not really an eel, but a fish) is native to the waters of the northern Pacific. Six feet long, big eyes and sharp teeth make the Wolf Eel look vicious and frightening! For years marine biologists and divers believed the Wolf Eel to be very dangerous. But more recent research and discovery has found that the Wolf Eel is not dangerous to humans at all, in fact will interact playfully with divers studying them.

Sometimes things aren't as they appear!

Jesus was on a boat with His Disciples on the Sea of Galilee when a fierce storm came up. The storm rocked the little fishing boat. Water poured over the sides into the boat! There His boys were within inches of the Creator of the Universe, but the storm scared them to death! They woke Jesus, rebuking Him for being negligent to their need.

“He was in the stern asleep on a pillow. They woke Him and said, ‘Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?’ He rose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace, be still!’ Then the wind ceased and there was a great calm. He said to them, ‘Why are you so fearful? How is that you have no faith?’” Mark 4:38-40 MEV

What the Disciples were seeing was superseding what they were believing!

In these Corona Virus quarantine days what we are seeing around us can also supersede what we say we believe. Sometimes we, like those storm shaken Disciples, want to cry out to the Lord, *“Lord we’re in big trouble here! Don’t you care?”* And as then, so now, the Lord speaks as much to us as to the crisis, *“Peace be still!”*

Dr. Charles Stanley has written, *“Jesus does not want you to evaluate situations with your senses and human reason, which can be led astray easily. He wants you to walk by spiritual sight that is guided by faith in a Lord who cannot fail.”*

From the classic Tim Allen Christmas movie, *The Santa Clause*, comes some good theology. Cute little pointy eared Elf Judy tells the Tim Allen character, *“Seeing isn’t believing, believing is seeing.”* So true!

Do things seem hard? Are you frightened? Feel alone? Feel overwhelmed? The “storm” of this virus has not defeated the Creator of the Universe! You are neither abandoned nor forsaken! Hear our Great Lord speak to the “storm” in your heart and say, *“Peace, be still!”* Remember the great, sure, absolute promises of His Word and know... believing is seeing!

The Wolf Eel won't eat you! This virus won't defeat us! You are not alone! God is still on the Throne! Your Church is alive & well and ministering! You are in the Lord's strong arms! And your Pastor loves you!

Pastor Larry <><