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“Learning Curves”

“When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.” (1 Corinthians 13:11-12)

First Thoughts

2 Corinthians 5:16 – “From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.”

1 Corinthians 8:2 – “If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know.”

Schooled at Sea

Matthew 8:23-27 – (23) “And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. (24) And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. (25) And they went and woke him, saying, ‘Save us, Lord; we are perishing.’ (26) And he said to them, ‘Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?’ Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. (27) And the men marveled, saying, ‘What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?’”

Matthew 14:25-27, 32-33 – (25) “And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. (26) But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, ‘It is a ghost!’ and they cried out in fear. (27) But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.’ (32) And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. (33) And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’”

Transfiguration Teaching

Matthew 17:1-5 – (1) “And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. (2) And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. (3) And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. (4) And

Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ (5) He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.’”

Paul’s Paradigm Shift – Diligent Desire

Philippians 3:8, 10 – (8) “Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ (10) that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,”

Job’s Jolting – Truth through Trials

Job 42:1-6 – (1) “Then Job answered the LORD and said: (2) ‘I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. (3) ‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. (4) ‘Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you make it known to me.’ (5) I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; (6) therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

John Jolted – Reckoning with the Risen One

Revelation 1:17-18 – (17) “When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, ‘Fear not, I am the first and the last, (18) and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.’”

1 John 3:2-3 – (2) “Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. (3) And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.”

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