

graceWORKS ! GOING DEEPER¹ The Papou Study Bible is a daily study provided by me to



help folks explore the depth and joy of the “conneXion” life of God. It’s my personal study, and is not intended as a doctrinal statement or statement of any church or denomination or congregation. It’s also my belief that “grace” works, and the servant of God should always want to go deeper. Multi-tasking as usual, I’m also calling this the “Papou Study Bible.” I’m writing it as if I were speaking to my girls who love me and any descendant they have that love their Papou too. And to anyone who wants to consider me a spiritual Dad or “Papou.” I want them to be able to study the Bible with Papou (grandpa in Greek) after I’m gone---and if they don’t, I’ll haunt them. The Scriptures say it’s noble to “search the Scriptures daily” to verify truth like the ancient Bereans did (Acts 17:11). My folks came from Berea. My incredible Dad (and your grandfather and great grandfather, guys), Vasil Charles Valekis taught me to do this like he did---every day until I die. He taught me and everyone I know to go to church no matter what and to put God first. While Mama (Maria Pagona Stratakis Valekis) never really did this, she made sure we listened to Daddy on this one. She would have hit us with a spatula or frying pan or worse if we didn’t.

This is a simple sharing my “daily search.” And I’d like to think it is a continuation of God’s life through my Dad through me. Both my “Dads” by the way. And a way to honor him, mama and our loving “Dad”---God. And for all of us to be together, in Spirit, even when we I join them in heaven. I like to use

the Blue Letter literal, very “visual,” Greek translation a lot to help “visualize” these truths

the beautiful way Greek enables you to view. And I like to share this with folks serving in an elder capacity, or any capacity, to grow them, challenge them, and stretch them. But especially share it with anyone I’ve ever brought to Christ and family members who truly love me. And when you study these, I’ll make sure to connect with you from heaven. *Ever an orthodox Greek, Jim Valekis*

Christ IN You Series

Colossians 1:27 (King James Version)

²⁷To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is *Christ in you*, the hope of glory
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Jonah 1 Part 4

We’ve saw yesterday how the NIV Study Bible suggested that this story is an “exquisite miniature” of the pagan world of many nations, represented by the sailors threatened by the judgment of God.

Yet they have Israel (Jonah) in their midst.

If Jonah (Israel) does not fulfill his mission, the sailors will die calling on their gods. And because he is rebelling against his mission, he must “die” to save them. A similar thing happened with Paul on the boat on the way to Rome.

On board are representatives of the world’s economic, military and political powers and those skilled in navigating the sea, but none of these can master the

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raging storm to save themselves or their possessions. They escape only if they follow Paul's instructions.

We'll pick up here:

Jonah 1

But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. ⁶The captain went to him and said, "How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us so that we will not perish."

This reminds me of the time Jesus was asleep in the boat and the waves were raging, and the disciples were freaking out.

Luke 8:22-25

New International Version

Jesus Calms the Storm

²² One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. ²³ As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

²⁴ The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!"

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. ²⁵ "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

I find the parallels to the life of Jesus in Jonah very interesting. We already know that He Himself made this parallel.

Matthew 12:39

He answered, "A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet **Jonah**. For as **Jonah** was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of **Jonah**, and now something greater than **Jonah** is here.

Luke 11:29

The Sign of Jonah

As the crowds increased, Jesus said, "This is a wicked generation. It asks for a sign, but none will be given it except the sign of **Jonah**. For as **Jonah** was a sign to the Ninevites, so also will the Son of Man be to this generation. The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of **Jonah**; and now something greater than **Jonah** is here.

There are two other versions of the Jesus "asleep" in the boat story in the gospels. I'll look them up and compare all three of them. And I'll add the Jonah story to it too.

Matthew 8:23-27	Mark 4:36-41	Luke 8:22-25	Jonah 1
Let the Dead follow the Dead Story	Jesus speaks in Parables	Jesus speaks in parables, and who is my mother/brother story	⁴ Then the LORD sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up.
	³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side."	²² One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake."	⁵ All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship.
	³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him.		

<p>²³ Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him.</p>		<p>So they got into a boat and set out.</p>	<p>But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. ⁶ The captain went to him and said, "How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us so that we will not perish." . . . ¹³ Instead, the men did their best to row back to land. But they could not, for the sea grew even wilder than before. ¹⁴ Then they cried out to the LORD,</p>
<p>²⁴ Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat.</p>	<p>³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.</p>	<p>²³ As they sailed, he fell asleep.</p> <p>A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.</p>	<p>"Please, LORD, do not let us die for taking this man's life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, LORD, have done as you pleased." ¹⁵ Then they took Jonah and threw him</p>
<p>But Jesus was sleeping.</p>	<p>³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion.</p>		
<p>²⁵ The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"</p>	<p>The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"</p>	<p>²⁴ The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!"</p>	
<p>²⁶ He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?"</p> <p>Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.</p>	<p>³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.</p> <p>⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"</p>	<p>He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm.</p> <p>²⁵ "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples.</p>	

			overboard, and the raging sea grew calm. ¹⁶ At this the men greatly feared the LORD, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows to him.
²⁷ The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"	⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"	In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."	

We'll work with this more next time.