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 Whether to I can't _____ at Glen in the _____

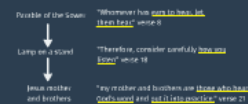
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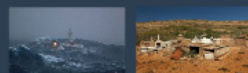
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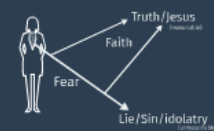
"Lord, we are perishing!" → "Where is your faith?"



(For those excited about the new Star Wars movie)

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Faith is like Han Solo trying to save you. You have to grab the pole and let him shoot.



3. To have faith, you can't give in to fear. [That might be new, or it could be old.]

Fear is always present when faith is required.
 One is stilled by what
 requires the exercise of faith.

To "just believe" is the rejection of fear for faith.
(Not the denial of reason.)



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What is the unifying dilemma in the stories?
Whether to have _____ or give into _____.

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Parable of the Sower



Lamp on a stand



Jesus mother
and brothers

"Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear." verse 8

"Therefore, consider carefully how you listen" verse 18

"my mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice." verse 21

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"will be taken..."

Deny the Word and cover up our real heart and the truth to get ahead.



We wither and do not experience the nourishing growth of repentance, faith, and obedience.



What we protected is eventually exposed, and we lose not only the growth we could have had, but the very things we tried to protect by avoiding the light.

"will be given more..."

We believe the Word and receive God's sentence on our sin and claim on our existence.



The exposure and humiliation of repentance and the freedom of faith lead to unpredicted growth and transformation.



What we risked in repentance, God gives us back through generosity, and we receive every good gift from the one we feared would take everything from us.

Why would Jesus say something so terrifying and mean?

Why lead his disciples into a storm...

Why let the demons go into 2000 pigs...

Why act like he was mad at the woman that touched him...

Because:

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elements, demons, disease, death.



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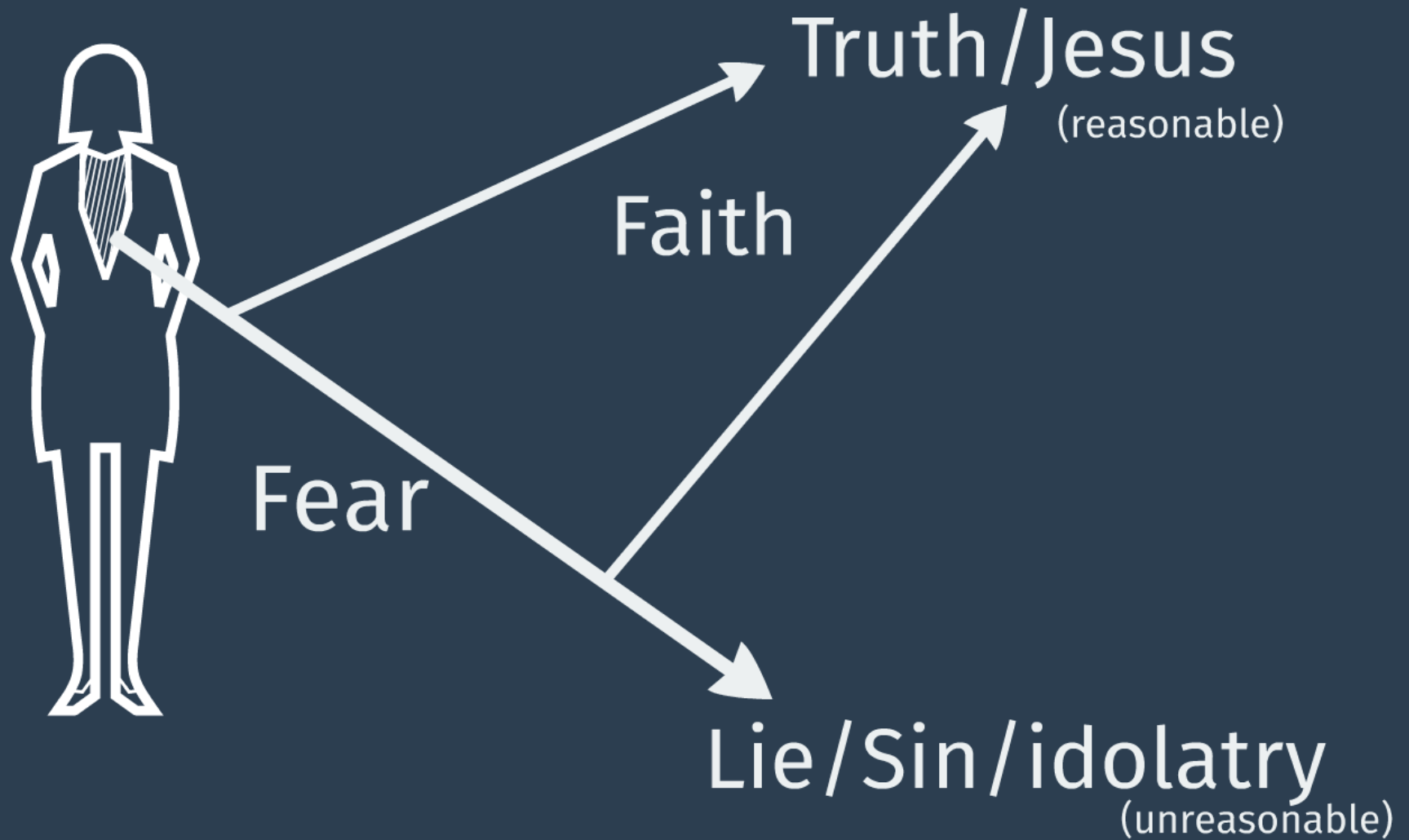
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