

Fear vs. Faith

Jesus Stills the Sea
The Gerasene Demoniac

Mark 4:35-5:20

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Definitions

➤ Fear

➤ φόβος

To be afraid

➤ Faith, Trust, Belief

➤ πίστιν

Noun, “faith”

➤ πιστός

Noun, “trust”

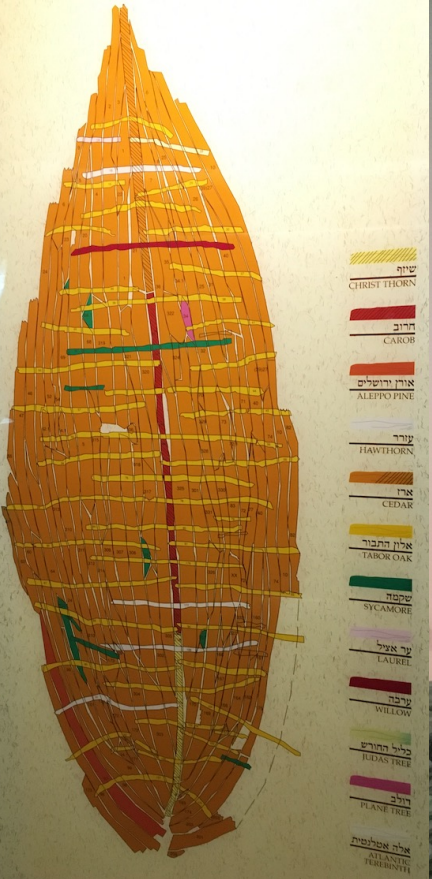
➤ πιστεύω

Verb form – “keep on trusting”

➤ πιστεύετε

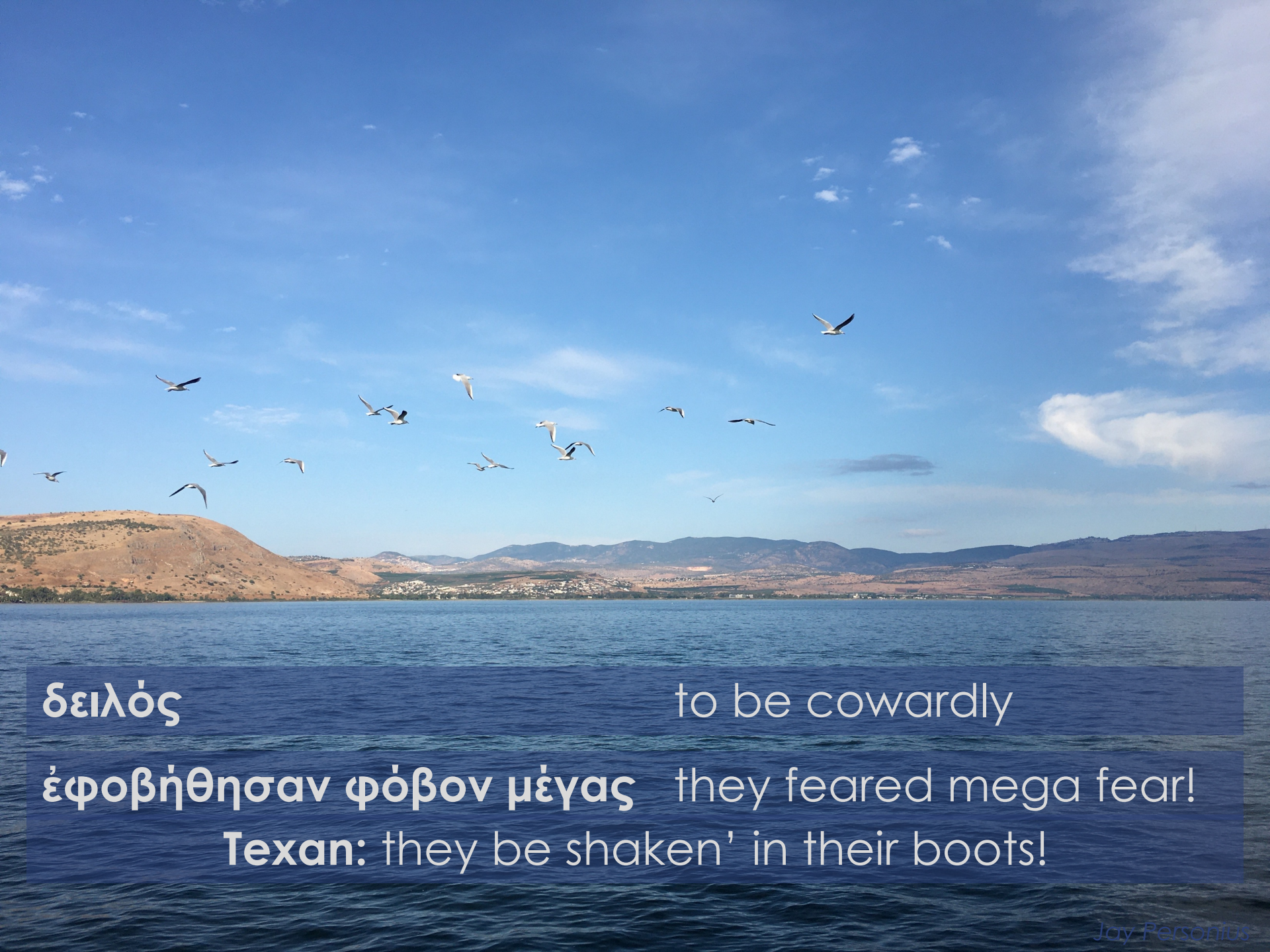
Verb form “believe!”







Rembrandt



δειλός

to be cowardly

έφοβήθησαν φόβον μέγας they feared mega fear!

Texan: they be shaken' in their boots!

Applications – part 1

1. There is a difference between anxiety coming from a threatening situation and “worry” that seeks to turn and accuse others as being uncaring when they don’t exhibit the same fearful response. Dreadful fear reveals a need to growth in one’s faith.
2. We are to redirect our trust away from ourselves and from the fear of death toward having a bedrock trust in the Lord’s keeping power and eternal purposes
3. We need to continually learn more about who our Lord is. He is not a mere “gifted human being” who can heal the sick and command evil spirits. He is none other than the creator and sustainer of energy, matter, and life itself.
4. We can face the storms of life with full confidence that the Lord is aware of every situation in our lives and will accomplish his purposes.







Applications – part 2

1. Knowing that even the demons must obey the Lord, we can be comforted in trusting that our Lord will keep us and protect us from their harm. Our duty is to stay trusting in the Lord and not to be addressing devils. We have his written word that we should consume.
2. Believers are not afraid of the power and authority of the Lord, rather they find comfort and reassurance that that same power is able to save them and keep them from being separated from their savior.
3. Believers are to tell the world about the Lord's power, love, and mercy and that he will come one day to judge all those who do not trust in his redemptive work.