

# Walk on Water

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**Main Scripture:** Matthew 14: 22-33

It's good to have a moment of prayer all by yourself. After the miracles and serving and giving of yourself to the world it's good to set a time to separate from your brothers and sisters all by yourself.

While Jesus was alone praying, the ship got into the midst of the sea giving us the idea that the distance to land on any side may have been about the same distance. This wind was not something they had anticipated. As fishermen, they would not have gone on the sea if they expected a storm during the trip. they are now in the midst of a contrary wind and there comes one walking on the sea and they were afraid, but Jesus said to be not afraid. Peter was not satisfied with hearing the Lord speaking he wanted to make sure.

Think about this scripture, any one of us that's going to receive something, the revelation that God has to give will be challenged. One will not receive the revelation of God while staying in a comfortable place. The revelation of Jesus takes consistency in focus on him. We have to be consistent in focussing on the revelation of Jesus. The revelation of Jesus has the ability to keep you in any area of your life. There is one thing I know about this revelation is that it will take you out of your comfort zone. Comfort and luxury will stifle the revelation of Jesus. The wind is still contrary and everything is abnormal but Jesus bids Peter come. You don't have to wait for anything to change to step out by faith to meet Jesus. our focus in this life is on the revelation of Jesus all we have to do is to believe by faith. Mortal man walking on water, what does this tell us? if we have the right focus great will be the mysterious things he will do through us. If we have the right focus, the supernatural, the extraordinary we will see and not notice the difficulties and challenges because the word of God challenges us. Peter was banking on the one word "Come" amidst the waves one word said come and when he came out of the ship the one word sustained him. When we focus, something mysterious takes place we begin to be like him. The revelation consumes us that we are no longer ordinary people. The things that ordinary people will not do those who are in him will do it. It takes one thought to remove us from the revelation of Jesus to allow us to sink. ONE LOOK at what was happening in nature and an injection of fear took control of his spirit. The moment we lose focus certainly, 100% Ferar will take control because the children of Light are sent into a world as sheep amongst wolves. We are the prey we don't stand a chance but because of Jesus Christ, we can be harmless as a dove but wise as a serpent. sinking with one thought one distraction and the next thing we know is that we are sinking. Our focus is taken away, fear takes control and death certainly would take hold of him but he remembered and recognized the revelation has the ability to keep him and Peter cried out "Lord save me" It doesn't matter how badly you're sinking, it's not the time to articulate how badly you are sinking but let the prayer reflect the level of urgency that needs to take place. The urgency of the cry- immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand. I am speaking to someone who has removed themselves from the focus on Jesus, cry out Lord save me. Immediately he will save you. Others can say what they want to say about peter but Jesus said he had little faith and why did he doubt Jesus. AS soon as Jesus saved him and came into the ship the winds ceased the contrary winds ended as soon as they were in the ship and those that were there began to worship him.

I want to encourage someone who is getting shaken and by faith had stepped out of the boat heading to the revelation but somewhere you noticed everything else around you and heard the negativity and instead of listening to the sweet voice of the master you took note of comment and made you bitter and

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angry and you lost your focus and your sinking in the mire just call out Lord Save me. Just believe his hand is outstretched and you will find safety in his arms. Someone is coming back to the Lord, having a closer walk with the Lord tonight. Someone, perhaps you did not step out of the boat but your eyes were on this individual who was living out his faith and you saw it too and heard the word come but you never moved and now you recognized this person's life is all about Jesus you can confess that Certainly, Jesus is the son of God. The one who we worship is the true and living God.