

Focus On Jesus

Peter Walks on da Water

Matthew 14:22-33 NIV

²²Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside **by himself to pray**. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶When **the disciples** saw him walking on the lake, they were **terrified**. "It's a ghost," they said, and **cried out in fear**.

²⁷But Jesus immediately said to them: **"Take courage! It is I.** Don't be afraid."

²⁸"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, **"tell me to come to you** on the water."

²⁹**"Come," he said.**

Then Peter got down out of the boat, **walked on the water and came toward Jesus**. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, **he was afraid** and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. **"You of little faith,"** he said, **"why did you doubt?"**

³²**And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.** ³³Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, **"Truly you are the Son of God ."** ...

"Prayer"

Matthew 6:6 NIV

But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

"Fear"

2 Timothy 1:7 NIV

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

"Come To Me"

Matthew 11:28-30 NIV

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. [29] Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30] For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

"Faith"

Romans 10:17 NIV

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

"Son Of God"

Matthew 16:15-16 NIV

¹⁵"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

"Faith"

Hebrews 11:1 NIV

Now faith is **confidence** in what we hope for and **assurance** about what we do not see.

Notes:

Two words describe faith: **confidence and assurance.**

Confident believing in God's goodness and truth—**that he is who he says he is.**

And we have the Assurance through His Word, **God will do what he promises.**

When we believe that he will fulfill his promises even though we don't see them materializing yet, we demonstrate true faith.

2 Corinthians 4:18 NIV

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Hebrews 11:6 NIV

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

"Facing The Storms In Our Lives"

Psalm 34:17&19 NIV

¹⁷ The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from **all their troubles.**

¹⁹ The righteous person may have many troubles, but **the Lord delivers** him from them all;

Deuteronomy 31:8

(Moses encourages Joshua)

The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

"In All Things"

Romans 8:28 NIV

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Notes:

8:28 God works in all things—for our good. God is able to turn every circumstance around for our long-range benefit. God does not work only to make us happy but to fulfill his purposes. We have a new perspective, **a new mind-set.** We trust in God, Our faith in God does not waver in pain and persecution because we know God is with us.

"Fix Our Eyes On Jesus"

Hebrews 12:2 NIV

fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Who for the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

"Focus On "Jesus" Not The Storm"

And He Will Work All Things Out For Us!

-Trust-in His Timing

-Rely-on His Promises

-Wait-for His Answers

-Believe-in His Miracles

-Rejoice-in His Goodness

-Relax-in His Presence

Amen