

THE DAILY FLIP DEVOTIONAL

*Learning to live life upside down,
one day at a time*

Scripture

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus Walks on the Water

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

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

²⁷ But 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.

³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Immediately 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. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Study Questions

Monday: Comfort is a sought after state of being. Our belief, often times, is that if we can just acquire more stuff we can increase our level of comfort. Comfort, then, can become the goal of life. Describe your understanding of comfort? How do you view trouble, hardship and disappointment?

Tuesday: Our experiences, exposure and traditions determine how we perceive the world around us. Our context for life and living is birthed here. Our perceptions are likely to be different than those with a different context. What are some of the advantages of engaging those with a context different from you own? Are there risks?

Wednesday: The biblical concept of calling is grounded in the idea of a simple invitation. In Matthew 14:29, Jesus invites Peter to "come." The invitation, or calling is quite simple, but the apparent barriers were great. Have you heard The Lord's invitation in your life? How have you responded to the barriers?

Thursday: When The Lord invited us to join Him in His work, we may face well-meaning intention from those closest to us (I'm sure Peter did when it was clear that he intended to join Jesus on the water). Even if there was not an overt objection, Peter was still the only one that responded to the invitation. When is it wise to listen to the voices, or actions of those around you?

Friday: After answering the invitation of Jesus, Peter returned to the boat with Jesus at which point the wind ceased and the disciples exclaimed, "Truly You are the Son of God!" (Matthew 22:33). Peter left the boat by faith and returned with Jesus. Are there boats you need to get out of? What boats to you need to get into with Jesus?

Saturday: The overarching narrative to this story is that Jesus was in the midst of deep personal grief over the murder of John the Baptist (Matthew 14:10). Yet, He pushed past His grief because of the deep compassion He felt for those in need (Matthew 14:14). What do you think it means to be moved by compassion?

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