

Scripture

Matthew 14

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."

³⁴ When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret. ³⁵ And when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought all their sick to him ³⁶ and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

Study Questions

Monday: How do you spend your alone time with God? What is your frequency? What is your routine? Are you satisfied with your routine?

Tuesday: Storms in our lives are inevitable; it is how we respond to them. What is a storm you recently or are currently facing in your life? Do you feel like you are just rowing? Is your focus to stay afloat, or to reach your destination?

Wednesday: How can we live differently knowing that Jesus is the Creator (Hebrews 1:2)? He spoke and the storm stopped. Jesus doesn't only have the power of a captain to navigate a storm; He has the power and authority to control the storm. This doesn't mean that Jesus will stop all storms in our lives, as they have the greatest potential of growth. How will you respond knowing Jesus is the one in authority.

Thursday: What is a step of faith you have taken in your life? When have you swung your foot over a boat, placed your weight on water, and stepped out in faith of our Lord Jesus? What was the feeling when you did it? Do you want to do it again?

Friday: What would your perspective have been on the boat? Would you have asked to walk on water? Would you have passed judgment on those that did? Would you have offered advice? What do you want your perspective to be? If you want it to be a different perspective, how will you live differently?

Saturday: Jesus invited Peter to "Come." No strings attached, no requirements. If Peter wanted to be with Jesus, he was invited. As we follow Christ's example, who is someone you can invite to "Come?" Who is a family member, friend, or that stranger God has placed on your heart that you can invite to church?

TODAY @ THE FLIPSIDE

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Notes: