

Walking Well Through Life's Storms

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Matthew 14:22-33

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Matthew 14:22, *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."*

Jesus Knows When YOUR STORMS Are Coming Your Way!

Why Do Storms / Tough Times Happen?

(Deuteronomy 8:2)

- **TO BUILD HUMILITY IN OUR LIVES**
- **TO TEST US**
- **TO SHOW US WHAT IS REALLY IN OUR HEART**

When Things Seem Darkest IS EXACTLY WHEN CHRIST SHOWS UP.

Being In The Right Place And Right Time For God To Work A Miracle On Your Behalf Can FEEL Like THE WRONG PLACE AND THE WRONG TIME!

Jesus Gives 3 Commands For Navigating Life's Storms:
(Matthew 14:27)

1. **TAKE COURAGE!**
2. **I AM HERE!**
3. **DON'T BE AFRAID!**

To Walk On Water In The Midst Of Your Storms You've GOT TO GET OUT OF YOUR BOAT.

(Matthew 14:29)

What Is Your BOAT?

Stepping Out In Faith Doesn't Mean You Don't Experience FEAR!

It Means You Move Forward IN SPITE OF THE FEAR!!

SUDDENLY Peter "SAW THE WIND"

(Matthew 14:30)

What Makes You DOUBT That Christ Can Handle Your Storm?

Why Did Jesus Take Peter BACK TO THE BOAT?

(Matthew 14:33)

Be Encouraged! After The Storm, Always Comes THE CALM!!