



WEEK 2: PETER WALKS ON WATER I CAN CHOOSE THE DOOR OF FAITH

“Then Peter called to him, ‘Lord, if it’s really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water.’ ‘Yes, come,’ Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus.”

-Matthew 14:28-29

When facing a big decision, most people need time to think, weigh their options, and talk it over with someone. Even when God is telling us to do something, we often hesitate because we are so accustomed to doing things our own way. Faith in Jesus means moving when He says “move,” going when He says “go,” and doing when He says “do.” It is a lot easier said than done.

Peter provides us with the perfect example of faith when he steps out into the water during a huge storm. Jesus came toward the disciples’ boat, walking on water. Everyone was afraid, thinking He was a ghost. Jesus told them not to be afraid and Peter responded, “Lord if it’s really you, tell me to come to you.” So He did. Immediately, Peter went over to the side of the boat and began to walk on the water like Jesus. When Peter began to look around at the huge waves, fear kicked in and he began to sink because he had lost sight of God. His faith wavered. But Jesus reached out and saved him, asking “Why did you doubt me?”

There are two lessons in faith we can learn from Peter. First, he did not hesitate when Jesus called him out on the water. He trusted that Jesus would meet his needs so he stepped off the boat. Second, he only began to sink when he lost faith and took his eyes off Jesus. If we keep our eyes on Christ, He will not let us fall.

When we are worried, scared, or facing a big decision, our faith needs to be like that of Peter: jumping in without hesitation, trusting that God will meet our needs. It is only when we hesitate and stop believing God has it under control that we will sink. When we lose our faith in Jesus and all He can do, we are choosing not to believe in Him.

QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Why do you hesitate when doing what God asks of you?
2. What are some reasons you lose faith when facing a trial?
3. How can you keep your eyes on Christ and keep your faith strong rather than sink?