

WHERE IS OUR FOCUS?

Matthew 14:22-33 - 'Take heart! It is I. Do not be afraid.' V27

1. A Confident Savior (v. 24–27)

- **The Stormy Setting:** The disciples were rowing hard against wind and waves from 3 to 6 AM—exhausted, hungry, and afraid. We find ourselves often in a storm spiritually or emotionally because of many different reasons.
- **The Call of Courage:** Jesus walked out onto the water to meet them, speaking words of peace: 'Take heart! It is I. Do not be afraid.'
- **Key Takeaway:** Whatever storm or struggle you face today, Jesus is present with you right in the midst of it.

2. A Confounded Servant (v. 28–30)

- **Faith Tested:** Peter questioned the truth of "it is I." He asked the Lord to prove Himself, because His Word was not enough. Would God's Word be enough for us??
- **Shifting Focus:** When Peter 'saw the wind', he shifted his focus from Jesus... to the storm around him, and immediately began to sink.
- **Key Takeaway:** Focusing on life's waves and hardships causes us to sink! Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus and trust His Word!

3. A Comforting Savior (v. 30–33)

- **A Short Prayer:** In his distress, Peter prayed a short but powerful prayer: 'Lord, save me!'
- **Immediate Rescue:** Jesus immediately reached out His hand, caught Peter, and brought peace to the wind and waves.
- **Key Takeaway:** Giving the direction of your heart to the Savior frees you from being overwhelmed by life's waves.

This Week's Reflection & Takeaway

Feeling spiritually overstimulated or overwhelmed by worries about the future? Whenever you feel the waves rising this week, pray Peter's simple prayer: "Lord, save me!" Shift your focus back to Jesus, knowing He is right beside you in the storm.

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