



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

Walking on the Word of Jesus August 23, 2020

Matthew 14:22-33

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."

1. After Jesus sends the disciples off in the boat, they spend hours and hours not getting where they are going? Share your most frustrating "struggle to get there" story.
2. Look at the first verses. For what reasons did Jesus find it so important in his own life as the Son of God and Man to get away and pray?

3. How does this story demonstrate the truth of Psalm 24:15? **"The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cries."**
4. When the disciples see someone coming on the water, they fear it's a ghost! Why might this have not been so unreasonable? See Matthew 8:28-34, 9:34, 10:1, 12:22.
5. When Jesus hears the cries of the disciples in the boat, he reassures them, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." How do you usually react when someone says, "Don't be afraid. Don't get mad." Or "Relax!"? How does Jesus saying this make it so much different?
6. Yes or No? If you were in Peter's spot on that boat, you would've asked Jesus if you could walk out on the water to him.
7. Peter wasn't just walking on water, he was walking on the command, promise, and word of Jesus and on the water. What promises has God given for you to walk on through the restless sea of this world?
8. Peter walked on water until he again became afraid because of the strong wind. Can you relate to Peter as you live in the year 2020? What things have caused you to doubt and waver?
9. "Who can you trust?" That's perhaps the hottest question of the year. To whom does this account point our eyes and why?