



- Jesus is always **available** to meet your need.
- How we encounter Jesus shows our **faith** in Jesus.
- Peter walked on water because of his **faith** in Jesus.

Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water."

Matthew 14:28 (NLT)

Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home. Matthew 14:22 (NLT)

Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!" Matthew 14:24-26 (NLT)

Jesus walking on water teaches us:

- There are no **circumstances** that can keep Jesus from us.
- In your most **trying hours** you will find Jesus right there with you. The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles. Psalm 34:17 (NLT)

God's there, listening for all who pray, for all who pray and mean it. Psalm 145:18 (MSG)

When we are challenged with uncertainties:

- We don't **move**.
- We hold on to what is most **secure** in the moment.
- Because of **fear**, we don't **recognize** Jesus when He shows up. ...In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!" Matthew 14:26b (NLT)

How to live a "Walk on Water" life:

- You have to **Get Out** of the boat.

But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!" 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... Matthew 14:27-29 (NLT)

- You have to **Look Out** to Jesus.

...and walked on the water toward Jesus... Matthew 14:29 (NLT)

Peter walked on the water to Jesus. But when he looked down at the waves churning beneath his feet, he lost his nerve and started to sink. Matthew 14:29 (MSG)

...But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. Matthew 14:30 (NLT)

Faith puts into motion something I know **I can't do** on my own.

- You have to **Cry Out** when you're sinking.

"Save me, Lord!" he shouted. Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?" When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped.

Then the disciples worshiped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed. Matthew 14:30-33 (NLT)

In our great steps of faith we will also **struggle** with faith, but God loves us and is with us in the journey.

Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. Matthew 14:30 (NLT)



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- Are you absolutely convinced that Jesus is available to meet the needs of your life? Explain.
- The second point on your notes says: how we encounter Jesus shows our faith in Jesus. What are some things that our faith causes us to do that allow us to encounter Jesus?
- What is one thing from the story that really challenges or strengthens your faith?
- If you were on the boat with the disciples, and you saw Jesus walking on water, what would your response have been? Would you have played it safe in the boat or followed Peter?
- Talk about some of the things we do when challenged with uncertainties. How do these keep us from expressing faith in Jesus?
- In your own words what does it mean to get out of the boat?
- What does it mean to Look out to Jesus? What are some thing we get focused on that keep us from focusing on Jesus?
- Why is it so difficult for us to cry out to God for help in our failures?
- We all struggle with faith from time to time; what do you do to get back on track through your struggles?

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Today's Talk..



Faith That Walks On Water

Sunday, December 3rd, 2023



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