

## **Matthew 14:22-36**

**Subject:** How can we get back to COMPLETELY trusting God through the storms of life?

### **#1 Fellowship gives a Firm Foundation**

Courage is found where God is found vs 28 - "Lord, if it is you?"

### **#2 Failure reveals His Grace**

Jesus let Peter sink - Because it produces Peter's cry - then Jesus catches Peter

- He won't let you fall - He loves to hear you cry out to Him and save you
- God is not hindered to you by distance or your perception - He can walk on the waves

### **#3 Faith Frees and Fear Focuses - Jesus says "fear not" - (doubt is evidence of a divided mind)**

Out of Peter's comfort zone - he was used to the boat (fisherman) / safe from the waves / etc

**You won't walk on water unless you get out of the boat**

Faith is not faith in our faith in Jesus, it is faith in the power of Jesus' word

Obedience to "come" is the evidence of faith in Jesus' power

Doubt is evidence of a divided mind

Jesus' promise/call is greater than our fears of the wind and waves

Walking on water means:

- facing your fears and choosing NOT to let fear control your destiny
- embracing the unique calling God has placed on your life
- watching the power of God to do that which you wouldn't be capable of doing on your own

### **Answer these Questions:**

Are you where God wants you to be?

What is the boat that you are hiding in?

Where do you turn when you're slipping, sinking, or struggling?

What area of your life is experiencing God's power?