

# INSIDE IDEAS Faith That Grows in the Storm

MATTHEW 14:22-33

## I. Jesus gives our faith \_\_\_\_\_ to grow.

*Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. vv. 22-25*

His words demonstrate His authority. (Matt 13:53-54)

His works demonstrate His sovereignty. (vv. 13-25)

## II. Jesus gives our faith \_\_\_\_\_ to grow.

*But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." vv. 26-33*

Chaos is an opportunity for faith. (vv. 26-27)

Doubt is an opportunity for faith. (vv. 28-31)

Failure is an opportunity for faith. (vv. 32-33)

Be \_\_\_\_\_ of the reasons we believe in Jesus.

Be \_\_\_\_\_ in times of success and in times of chaos.

Be \_\_\_\_\_ in moments of fear and doubt.

HOW  
CAN WE  
BE  
READY TO  
GROW?





1. What "storm" in your life so far has had the most lasting effect on you?

FOR THIS WEEK

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:

Matthew 14:27

But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

JOURNAL:

Matthew 14:22-33

"So I, a weak and complicated disciple, limp alongside the God of all eternity. And I cry as I follow. I avail myself of the help He has given—prayer, Scripture, friends, time, the local church, medical professionals ... When I look at that list, I remember again just how weak I really am. Though I continue to ask why, more often than not the question on my mind is 'What's next?' Sometimes He will answer, sometimes He will not. And I will again have to lean on what I know of who He is when I cannot make sense of what He allows. This, at its core, is what it means to follow the Lord."

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2. Peter walks on the water toward Jesus, looks around at the storm and starts to sink. In a way it's encouraging because it rings so true with us today. The moment we're most tempted to give up is probably the moment when, if only we knew it, help is just a step away. This is a picture of half-faith—faith mixed with fear and doubt. When have you moved ahead with half-faith, and what was the result?

3. Read Matthew 14:22-33. The faith we have in Jesus is not blind faith, but informed faith. What are some examples of blind faith, and how is that different from faith in Christ? What kinds of things have informed your faith about who Jesus is?

4. How do chaos, doubt and failure help our faith to grow?

5. Consider some practical ways that you can keep your focus on Christ and not get caught up in the surrounding storm. Which will you put into effect this week?

JOURNAL Matthew 14:22-33

Within the events of this passage are five demonstrations of Jesus' deity that led to the disciples' confession that He is the Son of God. How did Jesus show proof of His ...

- divine authority?
divine knowledge?
divine protection?
divine love?
divine power?

How do these proofs encourage you?

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

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