

From Fear to Faith
Your Race Counts! Pt.6
Matthew 14:22-33
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What's the Next Right Step in My Race?

Matthew 14:22, *Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.*

Matthew 14:23, *After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray.*

Matthew 14:24, *and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.*

Obedience doesn't always lead to comfort; it can sometimes lead us straight into a storm.

Matthew 14:25, *Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.*

Mark 6:48, *Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them,*

Matthew 14:26, *When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.*

Matthew 14:27, *But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."*

Do Not Be Afraid.

Matthew 14:28, *"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."*

Matthew 14:29, *"Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.*

Stepping out of the boat will mean leaving our comfort zone.

Matthew 14:30, *But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"*

"The secret to walking the wire is simple: keep your eyes fixed out ahead not down, not behind. Where you look is where you'll go."

Faith is not the absence of fear; it's the courage to obey God despite the fear.

Matthew 14:31, *Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”*

Matthew 14:32, *And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.*

Matthew 14:33, *Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”*

Worship isn't just singing songs; it's becoming aware that we're standing in the presence of God.

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