

Space for God Take Courage



PREPARATION

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
So be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the Lord!
Psalm 31:24

WORSHIP

Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.
Isaiah 41:10

CONFESSION

Save me, O God, for the floodwaters are up to my neck.
Deeper and deeper I sink into the mire; I can't find a foothold. I am in deep water, and the floods overwhelm me.
Psalm 69:1-2

MEDITATION Matthew 14:22-33*

Immediately after this, 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. After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone.

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!"

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 and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted.

Jesus immediately reached out and

IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY

Read	Slowly, several times.
Reflect	What does the text say?
Respond	How does it relate to my life?
Rest	I welcome God's healing and renewal.

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.

ANCHORING PRAYER

Jesus, You really are the Son of God.

REVIEW OF THE HEART

In what way have I left a place of relative security to step out in faith?

What fears am I drowning in?

WISDOM

When doubts filled my mind, your comfort gave me renewed hope and cheer.
Psalm 94:19

But take courage! None of you will lose your lives, even though the ship will go down.
Acts 27:22

TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

INTERCESSION *Prayers for the Church, for others, and for me.*

BENEDICTION

Be on guard.
Stand firm in the faith.
Be courageous.
Be strong.
• Amen •
1 Corinthians 16:13

SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.
Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and guidance.
Speak and act from a listening heart.
Actively serve in community with others.