



through the storm

Beginning to Sink

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Matthew 14:22-33 (ESV)

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸ And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

INTRODUCTION:

1. Get out of the boat

"²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.'²⁸ And Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.'" Matthew 14:27-28

"We are fools for Christ's sake." 1 Corinthians 4:10

"²⁸ And Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.'" Matthew 14:28

"²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus." Matthew 14:29

2. Fear the Storm

³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink. . .” Matthew 14:30

3. Scream for help

³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’”
Matthew 14:30

³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, ‘O you of little faith, why did you doubt?’” Matthew 14:31

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.”
Isaiah 43:2

4. Worship the Master of the storm

³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’” Matthew 14:32–33