

# How to Walk on Water with Jesus

Fear will sink you, while faith will allow you to walk on water with Jesus. The supernatural power of God is released in our lives, in the presence of Jesus, when we take the next step of obedience to what Jesus has said to us.

When it comes to the story of Jesus' walking on water (and Peter joining him), we often focus on Jesus' power over nature (the wind stopped). But I want to focus on Peter in this message.

This miracle is recorded in three of the four gospels, but only Matthew talks about Peter's role in the story...

## **Matthew 14:22-33 NLT**

[22] 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. [23] After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone.

[24] Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. [25] About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. [26] When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!"

[27] But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!" [28] Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water." [29] "Yes, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. [30] But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted.

[31] Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?" [32] When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. [33] Then the disciples worshiped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.

**There is only ONE way to walk on water with Jesus:  
GET OUT OF THE BOAT!**

The sea is scary, right?

The world around us?

The possibility of failure?

The threat from the darkness?

Here's the problem...

**We actually think the boat is safer!**

We fall into the trap of believing that my comfort zone and my unbelief and my unwillingness to take risks or believe the supernatural is safer and better for us than stepping out of the illusion of safety.

## **REALITIES FOR WATER WALKERS**

### **1. Faith unleashes the supernatural in your life.**

We walk by faith and not by sight. This is God's plan - that we experience his power in a very personal way when we believe that he exists and is willing and able to empower us to accomplish his great big purposes for our lives.

### **2. Fear is the enemy.**

**2 Timothy 1:7 NLT**

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

### **3. Focus (on Jesus) is your friend.**

It's so easy to get distracted by the threats, real or imagined, from the world around us, but keeping our eyes on Jesus is key to walking on water.

### **4. You're always better off on the water with Jesus than in the boat without him.**

When you leave your comfort zone to follow Jesus, you're always better off. I've never met anyone who regretted walking in obedience to God in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Experiencing close and intimate fellowship with Jesus absolutely spoils us for any other kind of life!

## **5. You can have a “little faith” or no faith at all. Only one of those leads to greater faith.**

We so often focus on Jesus’ assessment that Peter was a man of “little faith,” but read it in a positive sense. *You DO have a little faith...*

When you have a little faith, God can take it and make it grow into much more. But when you have no faith, your faith can’t grow.

I desire for us to be a church full of water walkers who experience the supernatural power and presence of God in our lives.

How do you need to allow him to have his way today?