

# QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED



WHY DID YOU DOUBT?

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## **Matthew 14:22–33**(ESV)

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

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

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## **Introduction**

### **“O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”**

faith = reliance; trust

doubt = be in two minds

“... this story can be read as a picture of the life of faith – or rather, the life of half-faith, faith mixed with fear and doubt, which is the typical state of so many Christians, as it was with the disciples.” —*NT Wright*

\* How does trust grow?

\* What is the outcome of more trust?

“And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’” Matthew 14:33

## **1. Trust has the opportunity to grow through storms**

- a. Storms often come after 'success'
- b. Storms take us to end of ourselves
- c. Storms provide an opportunity to look at Jesus

## **2. Trust has the opportunity to grow through stepping out**

- a. Jesus sometimes invites us to step beyond our resources in response to his call

## **3. Trust has the opportunity to grow through sinking**

- a. In failure, turn our eyes immediately to Jesus
- b. In failure, turn back to Jesus and His community

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- \* Through storms
- \* Through stepping out
- \* Through sinking

**The outcome (result) of increased trust is worship.**