

Walk on WHAT?!

In all of recorded history only two men ever walked on water—Jesus and Peter. This occurred during a time of great fear for the disciples, much like the times we face today. And yet, Jesus was there with them. Right after the feeding of the five thousand Jesus sent His disciples in a boat to cross the Sea of Galilee. Jesus then went up in the mountains to pray. As often happens on the Sea of Galilee a powerful storm came up very quickly. It was night, and in the darkness it was hard to tell how much trouble they were really in. There was fear in the boat that night. That fear greatly increased when they saw what they thought was a ghost or a spirit walking on the water. At that sight they cried out in fear! But right away Jesus spoke to them saying, *“Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid!”* (Matthew 14:27) Peter said, Lord if it is really You, then ask me to come out to You on the water. Jesus replied with only one word: *“Come.”* Peter stepped out onto the raging waves and began to walk toward Jesus. For a moment all was well!

BUT, when Peter got his eyes off Jesus and saw the effects of the wind on the dark and scary sea, he was afraid and began to sink. He cried out, saying Lord save me! Immediately Jesus stretched forth His Hand, and caught him, and said to him, *“O thou of little faith, why did you doubt?”* (Matthew 14:31)

Peter started off great—he walked on water! But the moment he focused on the storm instead of Christ he began to sink. But let’s not be too hard on Peter. After all, he was the only one that had enough faith to actually get out of the boat and start his walk toward Jesus. Many of us feel like we are sinking today. There are so many things so very wrong in this world. But God is there and He will help us. God wants us to start a walk of faith, and then to follow through and not sink! Jesus invites us today to walk onward on the path of victory with Him!

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