

The Secret to Life

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Life is too precious to miss, yet many people are happy to just make it through another day. They are not to blame; life can be rough and scary. Jesus has a way of approaching life differently. He walks on water in the middle of the storm... and then calls you to do the same!

Was Jesus reckless, or does He know a secret to life, that once you get it, you will truly live?

Be blessed!

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Scriptures: All Passages NLT

- Matthew 14:22-33
- Matthew 16:24-25
- John 12:23-25
- Romans 12:1-2

Main Points:

- It was dark | There was a storm | Jesus showed up!

Peter wasn't afraid of the waves, which were caused by the wind... he was afraid of the wind.

Digging Deeper:

Revelation

- Where is Jesus in the midst of all that's currently going on in the world?
- Why is it important to note that this experience appears in all four of the Gospels?
- How was Peter stepping out of the boat different than when he stepped back into the boat?

The way Peter stepped out of the boat was very different than the way he stepped back into the boat.

Interpretation

- What is the significance of the fact that Jesus stepped into the *darkness* of the moment?
- How do we find peace in the midst of the darkness? (Matthew 14:27)
- Why is it important to note that Jesus invited Peter to walk on water in the *middle* of the storm?

The secret of life is summed up in one word... surrender.

Application

- Do you see Jesus in the midst of a storm you might be in now?
- Are you in a place of darkness that Jesus is trying to *walk into the midst* of?
- Is there *thinking* in your life that needs to be transformed into the *thinking* of God? (Romans 12:1-2)