



*From White Caps To
Red Carpet*

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TEXT: John 6:15-21

Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself. - John 6:15 ESV

Five Stabilizers for Fierce Storms

1. HIS PURPOSE GOVERNS MY WAY.

*When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark and Jesus had not yet come to them.
- John 6:16-17 ESV*

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. - Matthew 14:22 ESV

2. HIS PRESSURE GROWS MY LIFE.

The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. - John 6:18 ESV

Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another. - Proverbs 27:17 ESV

Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy. - Proverbs 27:6 ESV

...thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer. - Psalm 4:1 KJV

Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. - Numbers 14:9 ESV

3. HIS PRAYER GRACES MY PRESENT.

*And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to PRAY. And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. And HE SAW that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them.
- Mark 6:46-48 ESV*

Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he ALWAYS LIVES TO MAKE INTERCESSION FOR THEM. - Hebrews 7:25 ESV

4. HIS PRESENCE GLADDENS MY HEART.

When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they were glad to take him into the boat... - John 6:19-21 ESV

And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, FOR they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. - Mark 6:51-52 ESV

Therefore the Lord WAITS to be gracious to you, and therefore HE EXALTS HIMSELF to show mercy to you. - Isaiah 30:18 ESV

For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. - Habakkuk 2:3 ESV

5. HIS POWER GUARDS MY FUTURE.

... "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going. - John 6:20-21 ESV

Matthew 14:22, 24; Mark 6:45

- I AM the Bread of Life - *John 6:35, 48, 51*
- I AM the Light of the World - *John 8:12*
- I AM the Door or Gate - *John 10:7*
- I AM the Good Shepherd - *John 10:11-14*
- I AM the Resurrection and the Life - *John 11:25*
- I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life - *John 14:6*
- I AM the True Vine - *John 15:1*

*Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.
- John 8:58 ESV*

I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I AM he. - John 13:19 ESV

*In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.
- John 16:33 ESV*

Romans 8:28-29

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. - Philippians 1:6 ESV

Next Steps

- ☐ Memorize **John 16:33**.
- ☐ Secure these five stabilizers in my heart, to prepare for the next storm that will surely blow into my life.
- ☐ Give my life to Jesus as Savior and Lord, for the first time.

Walk the Talk

A Growth Group Guide

Read John 6:15-21; Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 6:47-51.

1. What was one of your greatest childhood fears? Heights? Water? Darkness? Creeping Things?
2. When you read through the other passages on this water-walking story, what is the same? What is different? Why?
3. Of the Five Stabilizers (see outline above), which one really helps you when you are facing a particular storm? Explain.
4. Read: Psalm 107:23-31. How would you apply this passage to the story of the disciples and Jesus? Look at the seven “I AMs” above in the notes. How is Jesus like the Lord in Psalm 107? How do the I AMs help you right now?
5. Why do you think this story is told right after the Bread miracle (see also Mark 6:52)? Because this is the way it actually happened? Yes, but why?
6. Has Jesus ever wiggled you out like this? How? Where in your life do you need Jesus to say, “It is I, don’t be afraid”?