

# First Baptist Church – Odessa

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## “Overcoming Fear”

### “Overcomer – Beating the Enemy to the Punch” – Round 12

Matthew 14:22-33 & Selected

#### How to Overcome the Lie of Irrational Fear:

##### I. Listen to Jesus!

*“But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘Take heart, it is I. Do not be afraid.’”* Vs. 27

*“Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will hold on to you with my righteous right hand.”* Isaiah 41:10 CSB

##### II. Trust in Jesus!

*“And Peter answered Him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus.”* Vs. 28-29

**“Fear is overcome by baby steps of trust where God is proven faithful time and time again!”**

##### III. Look to Jesus!

*“But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’”* Vs. 30

When I take my eyes off of Jesus...

- 1) My courage crumbles.
- 2) My confidence collapses.
- 3) My intimacy ceases.
- 4) My joy diminishes.
- 5) My worries abound!

**IV. Cling to Jesus!**

*“Jesus immediately reached out His hand and took hold of him, saying to him, ‘O you of little faith, why did you doubt?’”* Vs. 31

*“I will hold on to you with my righteous right hand.”* Isaiah 41:10b CSB

*“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”* Matthew 11:28

**V. Rejoice in Jesus!**

*“And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’”* Vs. 33

**Round 12 Knockout Punch:**

**When the enemy clobbers me with his lies of fear, I will courageously  
step out of the boat because the Master of the sea is waiting for me  
on the water!**