

Sunday School Stories: Peter Walks on Water

The spirit led me to this sermon today. It might have sounded like Chris.

But After watching the Movie, Chris asked me about Peter. He explained that Peter got distracted by the waves and lost focus on God. He said we need to make sure that we stay locked in to Jesus.

So lets open up our Bibles
Matthew 14:22-33
English Standard Version

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

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

We know the Power that God has.

But I want to look at this in a different perspective
but has the same meaning.

Lets take this and apply it to our daily lives.

Verses

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Here we can see 2 things, One even Jesus needed time to be with the father after a long week of teaching and feeding the 5 thousand.

2. He gives us a test after a teaching. Maybe to see what we learned?

Remember in school, Does anyone remember pop up quizzes?

After a week of study , there will be test, quizzes to make sure we retain the knowledge.

I believe Here Jesus knew what was going to happened and sent his disciples off. Why would Jesus Stay back knowing that he needed to cross the lake too?

So I can tell you. Get ready to get tested once you leave here.

If I see you through the week , I might give you a pop quiz.

Let's Continue

24 but the boat by this time was a long way[a] from the land,[b] beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them.

Storms are used as a symbol of trials.

Has anyone been on a boat during a storm?

I haven't, but i have heard stories about it

Imagine being in the middle of the ocean with no land in sight and and the small boat starts rocking back and forth waves crashing against it

How many of us would be scared?

Some of us will start praying.

It most cases during our trials we start to pray and ask God

So what happens after the storm comes down.

Lets Continue

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It's a ghost! I wonder how pale they got.

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I want to talk about the rest of the disciples first.

Imagine..... Some of us at this moment are the remaining disciples.

What do i mean.

We all Know who Jesus is, We know what he can do
in our lives.

In High school I had this one friend that was always
the instigator.

He was always the one that said. You go first, if you
do it ill do it.

I can imagine the diciples talking with each other.
Psst peter ask him . Peter you go , Peter are you
sure. Peter Im right behind you.

Some of us are too scared to get off the boat.

Proverbs 3:5-6 English Standard Version

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.

6 In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths

John 14:1

English Standard Version

14 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God;[a] believe also in me

Now These Diciples are getting tested. They just came from feeding the 5 thousand.

They know they can trust God.

But yet let see what happenes next.

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Ok so some of us is peter and had the courage to Ask Jesus .

The question is How many of us are Peter today or how many of us are the remaining disciples?

If you are currently the disciples , I tell you now is
time to get off that boat and believe.

That boat is what is holding you back.

We may not like the waters or that storm

But I can tell you that at the end of that storm

The reward is worth it.

Its time to leave that fear behind and walk in what
God has called you to do.

Now that you left being the disciples and became
Peter.

Is not easy...

The storm is going to be strong. Stepping out of that
boat is the start of a new trial.

The waves are going to be high,

They will try to push you over with the wind.

Whatever Distractions, what ever thoughts, events, etc is taking you away to lock into jesus. Needs to go

But we must keep our Eyes on Jesus.

Jesus

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

We must stay Strong.

What happens, if you look away?

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hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

Let me tell you something. Last Week we Celebrated the resurrection of jesus.

What happens if you do fall in?

Gods love is good, We need to repent and ask for forgiveness and get back up.

Sometimes we need to fall in, once , twice three times top learn. But our faith must stay strong.

Just because we failed, doesn't mean that we loose our faith. We cast our worries out .

Bible teaches us with God we are STRONG

CAN WE SAY WE ARE STRONG

Joshua 1:9 ESV

9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

James 1:6 ESV

6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

Finish off

32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

I get it, most of the world that doesn't have the personal relationship with Jesus doesn't understand this.

Some people will have to go through a Hurricane
before they start believing in Jesus.

But I tell you now. Jesus is Real.

Its time to get off the boat and walk towards Jesus
even when there is a Storm happening.