



MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

I Need A Miracle | Walking On Water

1. In this message, Joel started out by telling a story of being caught in a storm while fishing with Captain Willey. What's a memorable storm moment from your life? Also, Joel shared some tornado tips he found on the internet...one was *lay in a ditch*. How do you feel about that tip? Could you do it?
2. Read Matthew 14:22-33. Talk about some things you notice in this story. What's Peter's first reaction when He sees Jesus? What are some "storms" that we face in life?
3. In the story you just read, Jesus doesn't calm the storm right away (which is what we'd expect) but He did show up in the storm. What does this tell us about the storms we face in life & God's response?
4. Most of us think that peace is found in the absence of storms. In this message, Joel challenged this by saying, *peace is found in the presence of God & not in the absence of storms*. Do you agree or disagree? Have you experienced this?
5. In Matthew 14:27, Jesus says, *Take courage. I am he*. A lot of scholars believe that Jesus used the phrase *I am* as a connection to how God described himself to Moses as *I Am* in the miracle of the burning bush in Exodus. That phrase is significant because it can remind us who is our peace in the storm. For instance when we think, *who's going to help me?* I AM. Or, *who's looking out for me?* I AM. How can you use that nickname that God gave Himself when you're facing fears?
6. What's one way this message & conversation helped change how you'll approach the storm you're in or the next storm you're in?