



FROM THE BIBLE
Matthew 14:22-31 (NLT)
Romans 8:18 (CSV)

MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

Week 2 | Focus

1. Why is it difficult for us to stay focused on things in life?
2. Read Matthew 14:25-31. Why did Peter begin to sink? What drew his focus away from Jesus?
3. In this message, we learned that **we sink when our focus shifts off of Jesus**. What things draw our focus away from Jesus?
4. What happens to us when our focus shifts off of Jesus and onto our circumstances?
5. Why do our fears feel overwhelming and outside of God's control? What can we do to remind ourselves that God is in control?
6. Read Romans 8:18. Why did Paul believe that the sufferings that we experience in this life are not comparable to the glory of living with Jesus for eternity?
7. How does this verse and the attitude that Paul had towards trials help us to have perspective when we face difficulties in life?
8. What can we do to keep our minds on the joys of living for Jesus in the midst of the storms and trials that we experience?
9. In this message, we learned that **Jesus rescues us when we call to him** and we saw Jesus *immediately* rescue Peter as he began to sink. Why was Jesus so quick to rescue Peter? Why is Jesus that quick in rescuing us when we call out to him?
10. In Matthew 14:31, Jesus asked Peter why he doubted. Peter had just witnessed Jesus feeding 5,000 people, walking on the water, and allowing Peter to walk on the water. Why was he so quick to doubt? What things can we do to prevent taking our focus off of Jesus and doubting like Peter?



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