

Walk in It
Part 2
“Walk in Faith”

Matthew 14 NKJV

22 Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. 23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. 24 But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

25 Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear.

27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.”

28 And Peter answered Him and said, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.”

29 So He said, “Come.” And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!”

31 And immediately Jesus stretched out *His* hand and caught him, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

Peter walked on water, but it wasn't the water that supported him...

Water has a certain surface resistance

When water ices over and gets thick you can walk on it

This was not that kind of water

This water was the wet kind

It was the swimming kind

The only thing that changed was Peter heard Jesus say “Come”

That day; Peter didn't walk on water...

Peter walked on faith...

2 Corinthians 5:7 NKJV

For we **walk** by faith, not by sight.

Romans 10

17 So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

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Context:

14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

Faith Comes by Hearing

- You don't see the Gospel and believe...
- You hear the Gospel and believe...
- It's hearing the Gospel that touches the heart...
- Your eyes will convince your mind...
- But your ears will convince your heart...

The water Peter walked on never held him...

The Faith that Peter had from the words of Jesus is what held him...

As long as Peter focused on what he heard Jesus say, he could walk over it...

Peter began to sink when he focused on what he saw, rather than what he heard...

In the day in which we live, it's important that we focus more on what God is saying, than what we are seeing...

I can understand why Peter sunk...

It's hard to ignore the storm...

This was a tremendous lesson Jesus taught the Disciples that day...

On one hand there is nothing that you can't walk through if you keep your ear tuned to God...

On the other hand even one of the greatest Apostles to ever live sunk when he turned his attention to the wrong thing...

I want you to notice something:

It was God's voice that God Peter out of the boat.

And it was God's voice that saved him and got him back in the boat.

Picture of Jesus Rescuing Peter:

Every time Peter heard Jesus' voice, his faith grew...

When we turn our attention to God's Word and listen to His voice, our faith grows

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Faith grows when God's Voice is present:

God speaks to us through His Word

God speaks to us through Prayer

God speaks to us through Worship

One of the things I love to do is put on my head phones and go for a run, or go to the gym...

I listen to my Bible

I listen to Christian Books

I listen to Worship

That's what I'm listening to, but what I'm listen for, is his voice.

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Vs. 25-27

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- The world today seems to be surrounded by Wind and Waves...
- Pastor Tony shared a statistic that nearly 50% of young people today deal with anxiety on a daily basis.
- When you turn on the news all you hear is wind and waves...
- People will be overwhelmed just like Peter was if we fix our eyes on the storm...

When the disciples fixed their attention only on what they could see they were afraid...

But when they heard the voice of Jesus, they heard, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.”

Faith comes by hearing

Hebrews 11:1

Now **faith is the substance of things hoped for**, the evidence of things not seen.

Proverbs 13:12

Hope deferred makes the heart sick

We are living in a day when so many are overwhelmed;

Because many aren't listening to God, and so they have little faith
Because they have little faith they have little hope
Because they have little hope they're hearts are sick

Isaiah 26:3 NKJV

You will keep *him* in perfect peace,
Whose mind is stayed on You,
Because he trusts in You.

Philippians 4 NKJV

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

I believe we are living in a unique hour, and strong Faith is needed...

I believe it's time for believers to shake off the world and snuggle up close to God and listen so they can Walk in strong faith...

Prayer:

Lord I want to hear your voice

Lord speak me through your word

Lord speak to me in the quiet hours of the day

Lord show me your perspective

Lord give me the ability to walk on top of the waves

Lord help me to keep my attention on you and not the storms of life