



**HOPE: When You Really Need A Miracle – Pt 5**  
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**THAT SINKING FEELING**

Matthew 14:22-33, Mark 6:45-52, John 6:15-21

- **I CAN'T SEE MY WAY** - By now it was dark... (John 6:17a)
  
- **I'M ON MY OWN** - Jesus had not yet joined them. (John 6:17b)
  
- **I START TO FEEL INSECURE** - They were a long way from shore. (Matthew 14:24)
  
- **STRONG FORCES ARE AGAINST ME** - Tossed around & battered by waves. (Matthew 14:24b)
  
- **I'M STRUGGLING BUT FAILING** - They were in serious trouble... (Mark 6:48 LB)

**WHAT DOES JESUS DO WHEN I'M SINKING?**

1. **HE PRAYS FOR ME** BEFORE IT HAPPENS  
*Jesus had been on the mountain praying for his disciples. (Matthew 14:23)*
  
2. **HE NOTICES** MY STRUGGLE  
*He saw the disciples straining at the oars. (Mark 6:48a)*
  
3. **HE COMES TO ME** AT THE MOMENT OF DESPERATION  
*About the fourth watch of the night he went out to them, walking on the lake. (Mark 6:48b)*
  
4. **HE SHOWS ME** WHO HE IS  
*When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! IT IS I! Don't be afraid." (Mark 6:49-50)*

## WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I'M SINKING?

1. **HAVE COURAGE** BECAUSE JESUS IS WITH ME  
*Jesus said to them "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid!" (Mark 6:50)*
2. **TAKE A RISK** IN FAITH  
*"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water!" "Come," Jesus said. So Peter got out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. (Matthew 14:28-29 NIV)*
3. **STAY FOCUSED** ON JESUS  
*But when Peter looked around at the high waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted. (Matthew 14:30 NLT)*
4. **DON'T DOUBT**  
*Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "Why did you doubt?" (Matthew 14:31 NIV)*
5. **PRAISE GOD**  
*When Jesus climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." (Matthew 14:32-33 NIV)*