

# WHAT KEEPS YOU UP AT NIGHT

## *Conquering Fear with Faith*

### SERMON #2: Fear of the Unknown

Matthew 14:22-33

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**Life is either a daring adventure or it is nothing at all!**

**When Faith goes up, Fear goes down.  
When Faith comes in, Fear goes out.**

*Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. (Matthew 14:22-24)*

*But the boat was now in the **middle** of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. (Matthew 14:24 NKJV)*

**In the middle of a divorce, tossed about by guilt.  
In the middle of debt, tossed about by creditors.  
In the middle of a broken heart, tossed about by emotions.**

*And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. 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**. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus." (Matthew 14:25-29)*

*But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith (not a rebuke), why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And **those in the boat** worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." (Matthew 14:30-33)*

**Fear oftentimes causes us to question the very character of God.**

**Faith will allow you to have peace even when this cursed world splashes up on you.**

<b>NEXT WEEK:</b> <b>Fear of Failure</b> (Philippians 3:12-14)
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