



WEDNESDAY EVENING

AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Title: How to Walk on Water

Passage: Matthew 14:22-33

Speaker: Youth Pastor Trevor Hampton

Introduction: Have you ever tried to do something that was simply beyond you? Something no amount of training, practice, or willpower could ever accomplish? Walking on water isn't hard —it's impossible. No matter how many hours you put in, you'd never take one step across the waves. And that's exactly the picture God gives us of the Christian life. It's not hard, it's impossible. If it were hard, the answer would be "try harder." But Scripture makes it clear that our strength, our wisdom, and our willpower will never be enough. The question tonight is this: are you trying to live the Christian life in your own strength, or are you depending fully on God's power?

I. Step Away from the Crowd (Verses 22-25)

When we want God to speak to us we need silence.

Our flesh would rather have our mind filled with noise because the silence is awkward.

You need to have a personal time everyday when you go somewhere silent and get alone with God.

II. Step Out of the Boat (Verses 26-33)

Questions to think about:



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How much of your salvation did you earn?

How effective are your prayers without the Holy Spirit?

How much strength do you have to overcome sin?

How much wisdom can you gain apart from God?

How much of your calling can you fulfill on your own?

How much of your spiritual victory is by your own strength?

We rely on our physical abilities to do things for the Lord, but we can't rely on them if we want God to work in our life miraculously! We need to be fully relying on God's power in our heart!

"Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily." (Colossians 1:29)

Conclusion: Tonight we've seen two simple but powerful steps: step away from the crowd, and step out of the boat. The Christian life is not hard—it is impossible. Just like Peter could never walk on water by his own muscles, you and I can never live for God in our own strength. It's 0 percent us and 100 percent God. The question remains: are you trying to do it on your own, or are you relying completely on Him? Decide tonight that you are going to live the Christian life with "0" percent of your strength and 100 percent of God's.



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