



Standing Strong In The Storms of Life

Rowing In the Storm

Matthew 14:22-34

1. The Timing of the Storm

A. When You Have Had an Emotional Event

B. When You Are On a Mission

Matthew 14:22

Immediately He **made** the disciples **get into** the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side,
- right now, soon, immediately
- *enagkazo* - force, compel, constrain, urge
- *embaino* - step in, go on board a ship, embark

C. When You Are Feeling Alone

Matthew 14:23

After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to **pray**;
- *proseuchomai* - switching human wishes with the Lord's

2. The Testing In the Storm

A. Jesus Saw Their Struggle

Matthew 14:24

But the boat was already a **long distance** from the land, battered by the waves;
- *stadious pollous* - many stadia

John 6:19

Then, when they had rowed about three or four miles,

Mark 6:48

Seeing them straining at the oars, for the wind was against them,

Matthew 14:24

But the boat was already a long distance from the land, **battered** by the waves; for the wind was **contrary**
- *basanizo* - to examine by using torture

- *enantios* - set against, in the sphere against

B. Jesus Saw Their Place of Need

Matthew 14:25

And in the **fourth watch** of the night He came to them, **walking** on the sea.

- about 3 am (He never slumbers or sleeps)
- *peripateo* - completely around (going “full circle”)

Psalm 42:7-8

7. Deep calls to deep at the sound of Your waterfalls; all Your breakers and Your waves have rolled over me.

8. The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the daytime; and His song will be with me in the night, a prayer to the God of my life.

C. Jesus Saw Their Fear

Matthew 14:26

When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were **terrified**, and said, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in **fear**.

- *tarasso* - causing inner perplexity from getting upset
- *phobos* - withdraw, fleeing because feeling inadequate

3. The Trusting In the Storm

A. Jesus’ Calming Words

Matthew 14:26

But immediately Jesus **spoke** to them, **saying**, “**Take courage, it is I**; do not be **afraid**.”

- *laleo* - speak, announce
- *lego* - laying an argument to rest
- *tharseo* - have confidence; courage; be unafraid
- I AM (John 18:6)
- *phobeo* - Present Imperative; a command

B. Jesus’ Calming Action

Matthew 8:23-27

23. When He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him.

24. And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being covered with the waves; but Jesus Himself was asleep.

25. And they came to Him and woke Him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing!”

26. He said to them, “Why are you afraid, you men of little faith?” Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm.

27. The men were amazed, and said, “What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”

Matthew 14:32

When they **got into** the boat, the wind **stopped**.

- *anabaino* - go up; mount; ascend

- *kopazo* - abate; cease raging; stilled

C. Jesus’ Calming Influence

Matthew 14:33

And those who were in the boat **worshipped** Him,

- *proskuneo* - to fall down; to prostrate oneself

Matthew 14:34

When they had **crossed over**, they came to land at Gennesaret.

- *diaperao* - cross over; pass over

John 6:21

So they were willing to receive Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.



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