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The season of Pentecost ... 25 weeks long!

The first half, Jesus alone and grace alone

Jesus alone saves us and invite us to place our good works on His foundation of grace.

This morning's gospel, a call to expand our faith!

Matthew 14:22 (English Standard Version)

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

A common occurrence, Jesus wanting to be alone with God, the Father and God, the Holy Spirit.

The private life before God, our real selves

Matthew 14:23

²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone

Privately, what do you talk to God about?

The Bible teaches us to pray without ceasing ...

Draw close to God, He will draw close to you.

Matthew 14:24 & 25

²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea.

Our activity, we are so often beating against the waves while God is in complete control.

Matthew 14:26

²⁶ 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.

They are naturally oriented to the kingdom of man and so are we.

In the future, we will see more than someone walking on the water!

They cried out in fear and Jesus' response reveals, once again, His true nature of love.

Matthew 14:27

²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

Almighty God, He controls everything in one hand and, in the other hand, offers soothing words of comfort.

Eventually, we will see God and His glory while receiving God's love and fellowship.

Matthew 14:28

²⁸ And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”

Peter, patron saint of the impulsive!

Jesus’ response reveals, once again, His desire to stretch our faith and join Him in the faith adventure.

Matthew 14:29

²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus.

Jesus gives us everything to live in faith, expecting a grand adventure.

1 John 3:2

² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

The problem with living a supernatural life is that the natural life throws you curves.

Matthew 14:30

³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.”

Peter, “saw the wind” ... waves.

How do you walk on a liquid moving escalator?

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Matthew 14:31

³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

Believe and fail is better than believing and hiding out!

Eventually, Jesus will make everything new again ...

Matthew 14:32

³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

Amen!