

## Lessons from the waves

### 11.6.22

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#### I. Consider Jesus

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Jesus has a different timetable than ours

He waits sometimes.....

To create more faith

To create more maturity

To create opportunities to reach others

Jesus knows our situation

Jesus told them to go ahead. He knew about the storm!!

He may have been praying for them.

Rom 8:34

He knew they would struggle because Jesus struggled with hurts, and challenges himself, yet was without sin

Jesus came to them in a very unexpected manner

He still is.....

Iran-dreams

Me-song

You? Hospital bed? Near death? Jail?

II. Consider Peter

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Peter was probably exhausted (as well as the other Disciples)

Been rowing

Fatigue enhancing fear and frustration

Peter was the only willing

Do not be too hard on him. The others were chickens

Peter was the one Jesus invited to be part of an epic move!

We are still talking about it today.

Peter was “good” only when his focus was on Jesus

Doubts were raised because of ...

Unfamiliarity? Intensity?

Peter was scolded only because of “little” faith not “no” faith.

Little faith can be fixed.

Peter was a maniac for Jesus later!

III. Consider us

Jesus still invites us into the waves

Waves are unavoidable!!!

John

He overcame

He is still in the waves of our life!

Rick Warren (REMEMBER HE WROTE 'PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE')

Life is a series of problems: Either you are in one now, you're just coming out of one, or you're getting ready to go into another one.

The reason for this is that God is more interested in your character than your comfort.

God is more interested in making your life holy than He is in making your life happy.

Jesus still saves when we ask

Lord save me!

Are we asking him?

Are we asking his people?

(We learn that not sinking directly correlates with our closeness to Jesus

“Come”

How? You and me?

Prayer

Study

Fellowship

If we are not in God’s will, we are sinking.

Woman at playday kept following me..I found out she wanted shade.

( I’m big)

Closer we get to the Lord the safer we are from circumstances)

Jesus still uses the waves (even if we sink) for good!

For us.... To create more faith

To create more maturity

Adversity introduces a man to himself. --Unknown

For others..... to point others to himself!

“How can you do this” ....conversations

Close: [John 16:33](#)

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have **trouble**. But take heart! I have overcome the world."