

Vision Part 3 – Eyes Are Fixed

Matthew 14:22-33 –

Jesus Walks on Water

²² Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home. ²³ After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone.

²⁴ Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind (**contrary winds**) had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. ²⁵ About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!"

²⁷ But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!" (**The I Am is Here**)

Who Am I? **I Am Who I Am!** Tell Him I Am Sent You!

²⁸ Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water."

²⁹ "Yes, come," Jesus said.

So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. (**Baby Picture**)

³⁰ But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. “Save me, Lord!” he shouted.

³¹ Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. “You have so little faith,” Jesus said. “Why did you doubt me?”

³² When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. ³³ Then the disciples worshiped him. “You really are the Son of God!” they exclaimed.

Why did you doubt me?

Fastest way to **fall** in life is to take your eyes off of Jesus!

- Look at the circumstances, measure the strength of the enemies against you, CONTRARY WINDS
 - Our God is Greater!!! Our God is Stronger!!!
Our God is Higher!!!
 - David and Goliath – Giants are prey to the righteous!

God is calling you, leading you and given you a vision in your life. But your vision is going to be bigger than you!! Sometimes the challenges and obstacles are going to seem like Giants!!

Keep your eyes on God!!

Giants are prey for the righteous!!

- Looking at yourself will cause you to fall!
 - **Proverbs 16:18** –

Pride before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall

- **Galatians 5:4** –
For if you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from God's grace.

- God doesn't call you what you are!! God doesn't cuss!
- You couldn't handle God calling you what you are. Labeling you with the names you deserve. If He looked at your flesh he'd call you some names....
- You couldn't drink of the cup of His wrath....So he put it upon Himself!
 - He doesn't look at Your Flesh once you've received His Spirit!!
 - He doesn't call you a liar
 - A drunk
 - An addict
 - A felon
 - An adulterer
 - A cheat
 - A failure
- Since you couldn't bear to carry the names you deserved...He allows you to carry the name of His Son Jesus! A name you could never deserve or earn.

- You were once these things!! But now you've been washed, sanctified, justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God
- - He calls you what He is!
 - He doesn't call you strong because you are...
 - He calls you an overcomer because He overcame this world...
 - He doesn't call you Holy and Righteous because you are...

Hebrews 12:1-2 -

12 ... let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **2** looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

God Never Takes His Eyes Off Of You!!

You are the Joy Set Before Him!!

He was watching when his disciples were in distress...contrary winds!

- Saw them toiling, rowing against the waves, and against the winds.

- He Called Peter out upon the waters...(Father Picture)

When the prodigals son was coming home it says his Father saw Him when he was a great ways off....and came running!!!

His eyes are on the sparrow!!

Psalms 34: 15-19 – (NKJV)

15 The eyes of the Lord *are* on the righteous,
And His ears *are open* to their cry.

16 The face of the Lord *is* against those who do evil,
To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 *The righteous* cry out, and the Lord hears,
And delivers them out of all their troubles.

18 The Lord *is* near to those who have a broken heart,
And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

19 Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous,
But the Lord delivers him out of them all.