

Southside Baptist Church
Wednesday Night Worship – 1-24-24
Matthew Chapter 14 Part 3
Jesus steps out on the water.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) Jesus was withdrawing to a solitary place but was being followed by a multitude of people.
- 2) Jesus loves people. “moved with compassion” – stirred within for the people.
- 3) Jesus is modeling Servant Leadership.
- 4) Jesus was using this to test Philip.

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) Can a human walk on water?

2. Jesus didn't run but walked on the water. Matthew 14:22-33

a. We move from a miracle on land to a storm on the sea.

- 1) Is Jesus in a little bit of a hurry? John 16:14-15

b. Observations:

- 1) Verse 22 – Jesus was sending them into a storm.
- 2) Verse 23 – Jesus departed to be alone to pray.
- 3) Verse 24 – It seems that while Jesus was praying the disciples were in a storm.
- 4) Verse 25-26 – Jesus comes to them walking on the water.
- 5) Verse 27 – Jesus speaks to His disciples.
- 6) Verse 28-29 – Peter walked on the water.
- 7) Verse 30 – What happened to Peter's eyes?
- 8) Verse 31 – Jesus rescued Peter from sinking.
 - a) Peter took a step of faith here. I applaud that step of faith!

c. Application:

- 1) What he learned was accomplished in moments, but it is a principle that must be lived out moment by moment each day of our walk of faith.
- 2) Peter shows us that we can trust God in the moment but that this trust must continue in the next no matter what comes our way.
- 3) Here is what I see:
 - a) The initial step of faith to follow God can be right and exciting but it must be followed by a continual focus and mindset that what started as faith must continue as faith.

d. Peter and Jesus get into the boat. Matthew 14:32-33

- 1) Notice when the wind stopped.
- 2) Was that a coincidence?

3. Some godly wisdom comes from the story.

a. Jesus sent them into the storm:

- 1) They were following God's will.

2)Two types of storms: Warren Weirsbe.

a)Storm of correction –

b)Storm of perfection –

b.Jesus is praying for them:

1)There is a parallel for us in this.

a)Romans 8:34 –

b)Hebrews 4:14-16 –

c.Jesus came to them:

1)Why did Jesus walk on the water? “To show His disciples that the very thing they feared, the sea, was only a staircase for Him to come to them.” Warren Weirsbe.

d.Jesus was helping them grow:

1)That was the purpose of the storm.

e.Jesus would see them through:

1)What Jesus starts He finishes.

a)Philippians 1:6 –

b)Hebrews 12:2 –

4.Tonight’s Take Away:

a.There is wisdom in seeking to identify the storm you are in.

b.Peter taught us that a step of faith must be followed by another step of faith and so on otherwise you risk being distracted by all of the things going on around you.