

Walking with Eyes of Faith

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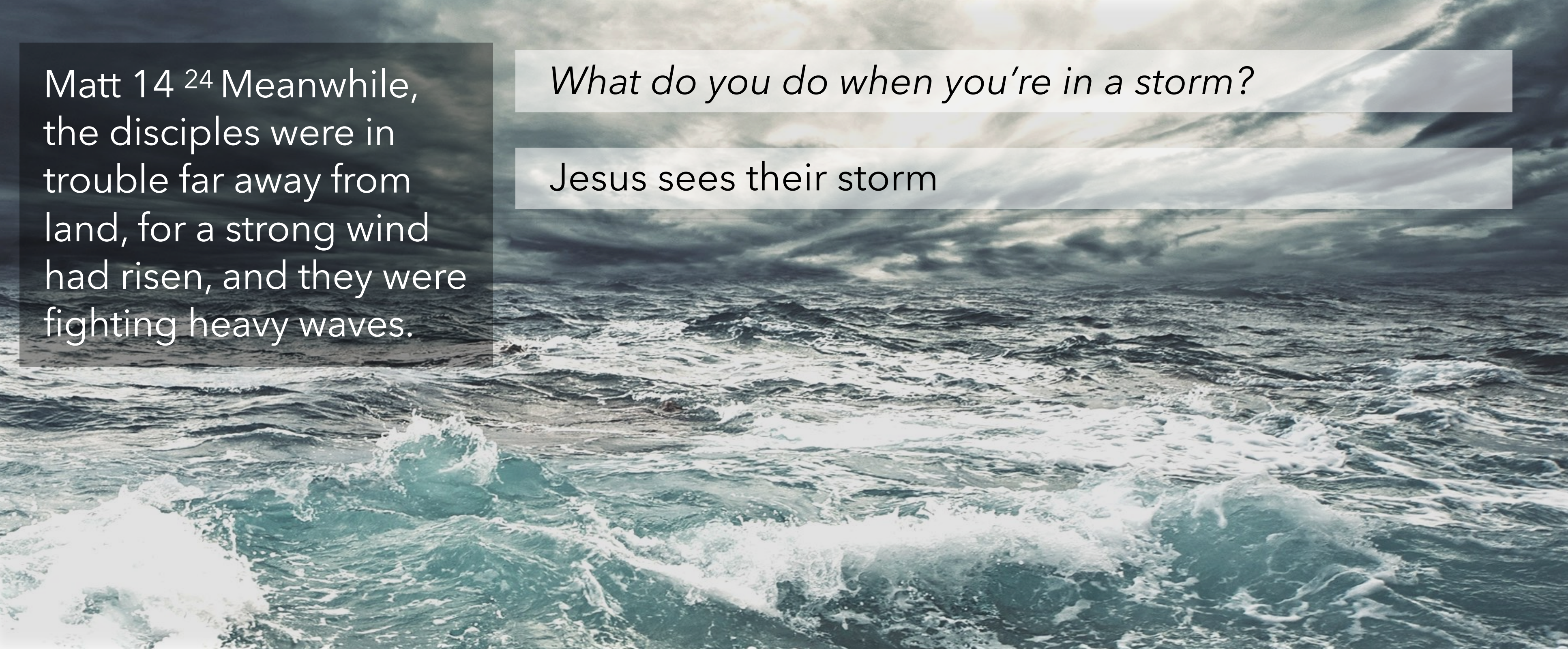
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What do you do when you're in a storm?

Jesus sees their storm



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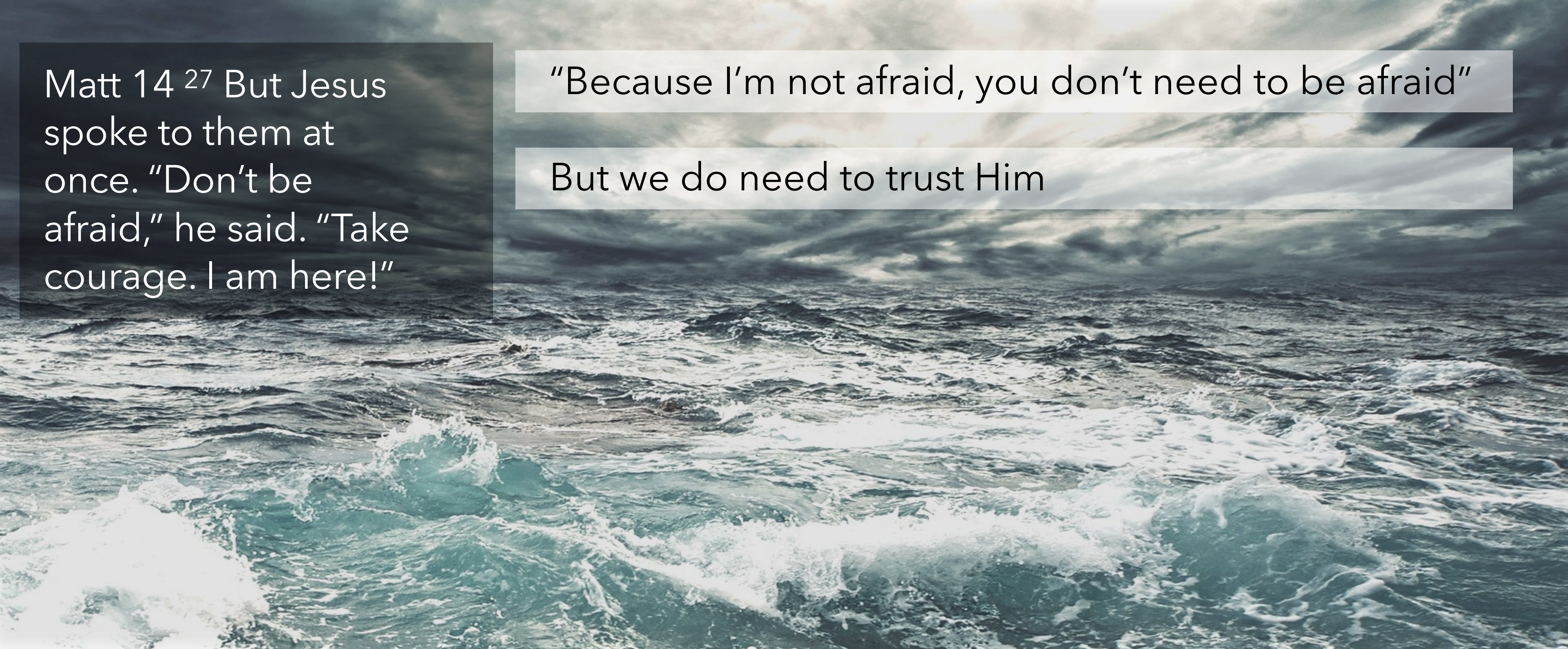
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Jesus is bigger than storms



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"Because I'm not afraid, you don't need to be afraid"

But we do need to trust Him

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This is not extreme faith, this is extreme discipleship

The nature of faith: trust that being with God is the safest place in the entire world

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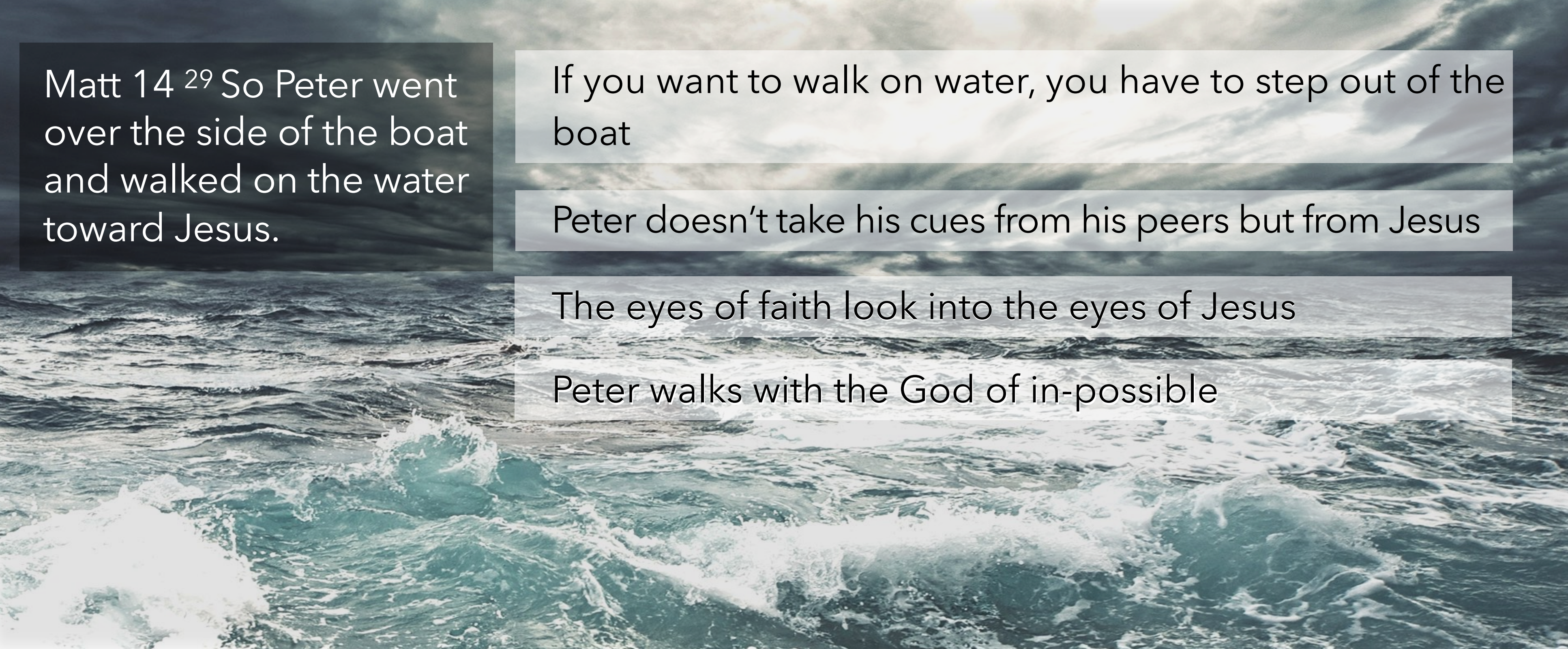
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Faith is following someone you trust

Our obedience unlocks the door to the supernatural

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If you want to walk on water, you have to step out of the boat

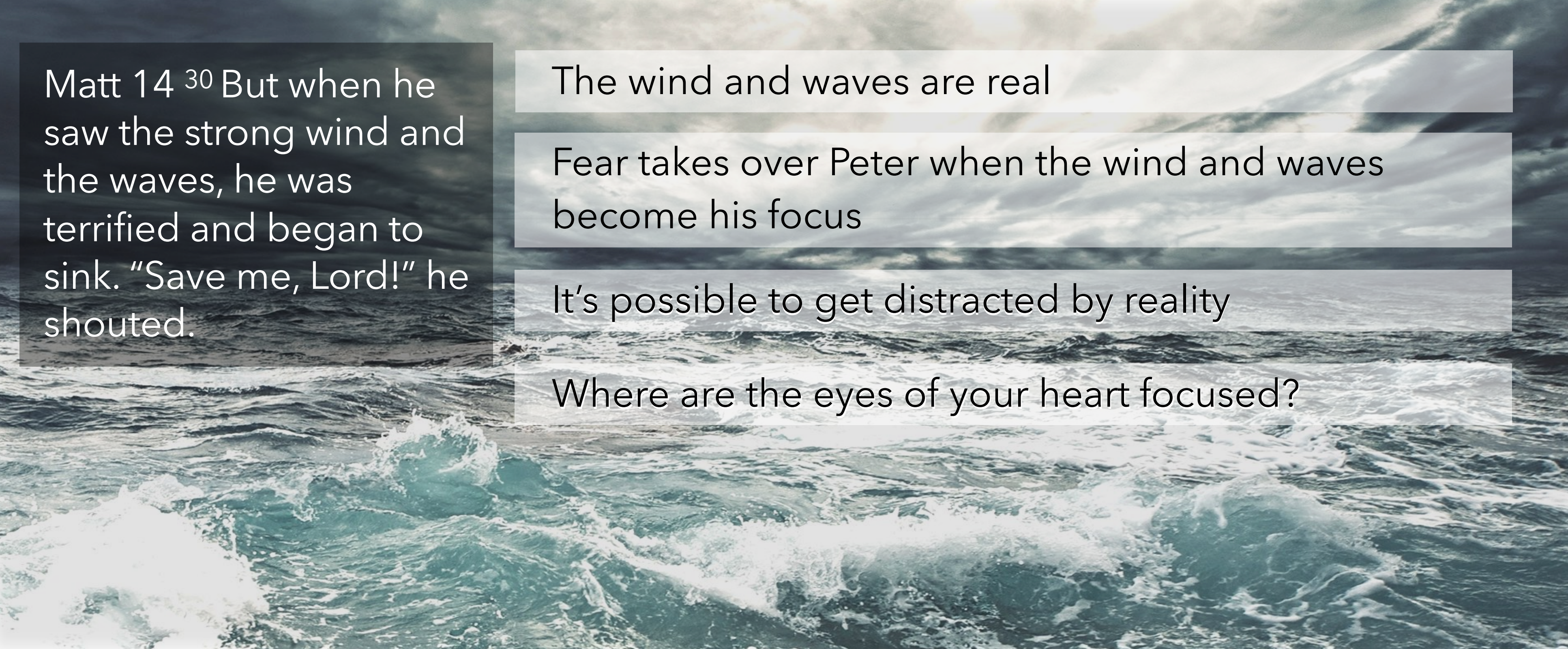
Peter doesn't take his cues from his peers but from Jesus

The eyes of faith look into the eyes of Jesus

Peter walks with the God of in-possible

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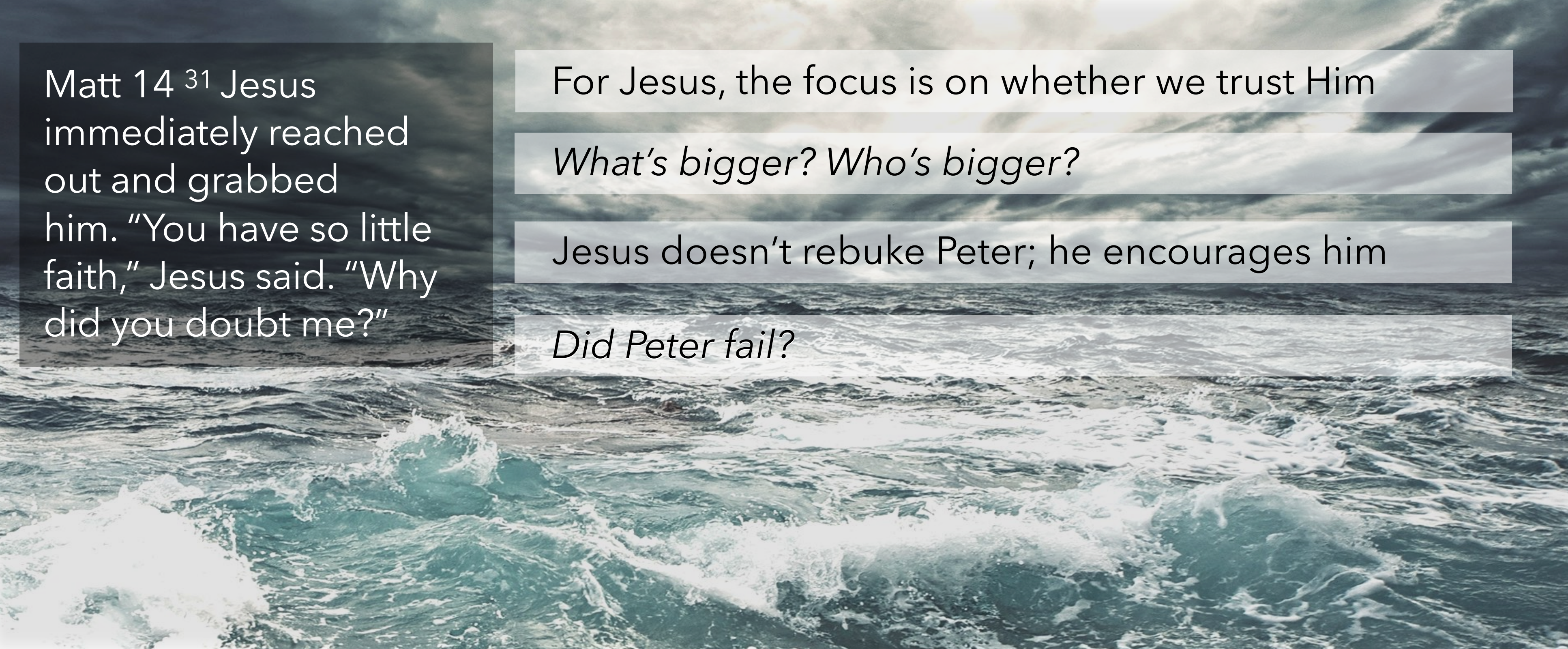
Fear takes over Peter when the wind and waves become his focus

It's possible to get distracted by reality

Where are the eyes of your heart focused?

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For Jesus, the focus is on whether we trust Him

What's bigger? Who's bigger?

Jesus doesn't rebuke Peter; he encourages him

Did Peter fail?

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The focus of Jesus' activity is training Peter





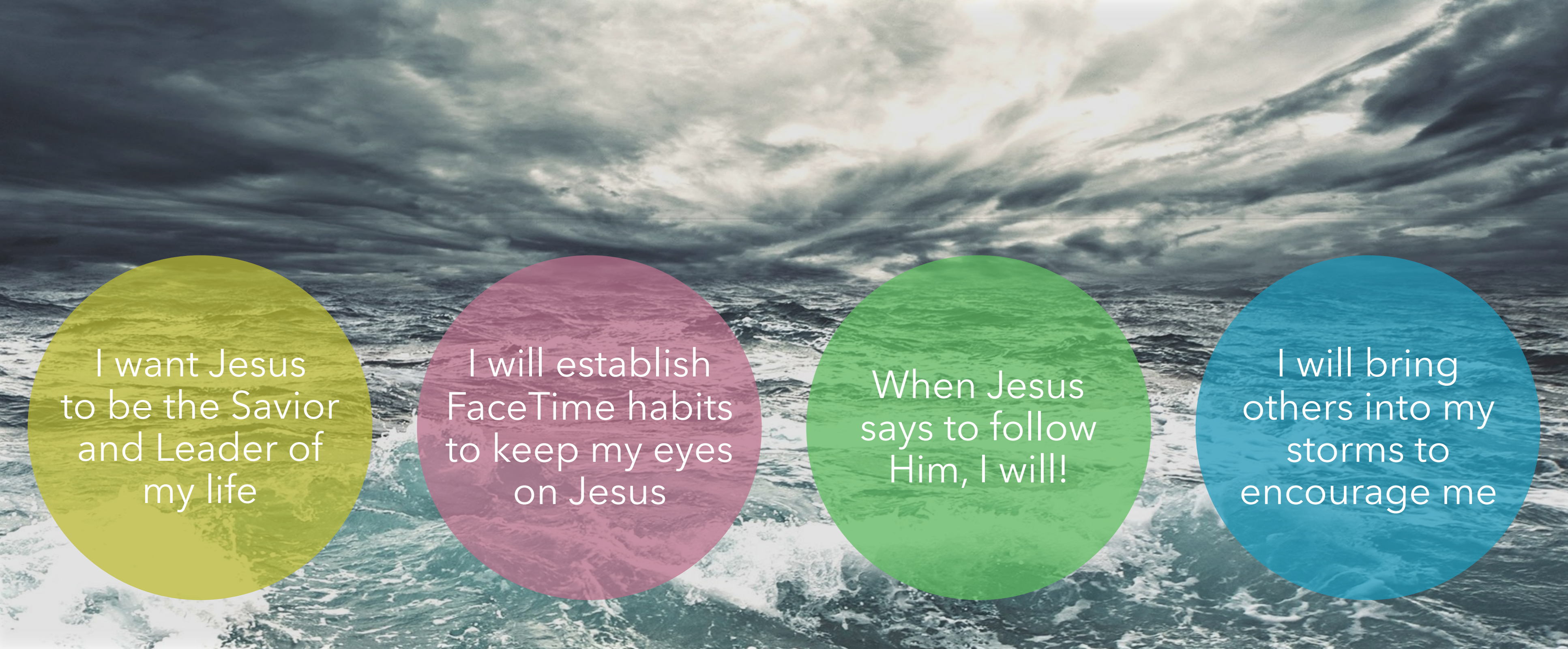
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