



What's Next Matthew 14:22-33

Am I the only one who has this thought after I complete a task: What's next? That question has crossed my mind a lot over the past few weeks. *What's next?* Have you ever had that thought? What's next? What am I supposed to be doing now that I've done this?

So, let me ask you: What's next for you? Look at these statements and see if you fall into one of these categories:

- I have just received Jesus as my personal Savior. What's next?

- . I have just gotten baptized. What's next?
- . I have just joined the church. What's next?
- . I have just bought my first Bible. What's next?
- . I have this desire to pray. What's next?

But a few weeks ago, I was asking that same question myself.

Remember the last time I preached? I had just been diagnosed with blood clots in my lungs. I can honestly say that I was scared. Then I started to pray. I started thinking about everything that was happening, and one thought kept coming to mind: **I am in His hands.**

And if I am in His hands, I must be about the work He wants me to be doing. I may not always know what's next. But I know whose hands I'm in.

Worship. That word has come up recently in so many ways—in conversations, through exhortations during our services, through songs, and through reading the Bible. Again and again, I sense God saying to me, and I've heard it from others as well: WORSHIP ME. But what is worship? And how do we worship? Worship comes in many ways.
In quietness. In praising the Lord through song.
In reading His Word.
In prayer.

What is worship? Here is one way I describe it:

- **W — Walking in His Spirit.**
- **O — Overflowing with His Spirit in your life.**
- **R — Rejoicing in His Spirit.**
- **S — Surrendering your life to His Spirit.**
- **H — Humbling yourself before the Holy Spirit.**
- **I — Intimacy with the Holy Spirit.**
- **P — Prayerfully listening to the Holy Spirit.**

What did Jesus do?

The Bible says He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. I believe Jesus shows us something important there about worship and about facing whatever comes next. He got alone with God.

And then He returned to life. He returned to His disciples in the middle of a storm. So, what does this passage show us about what's next?

Get alone with God — verse 23.

Return to life — verse 25.

Do not be afraid — verse 27.

Wait for Jesus to say, “Come” — verse 29.

Get out of the boat — verse 29.

When you take your eyes off Jesus, call out to Him — verse 30.

And finally, worship God — verse 33.

Walkersville Community Church, what's next?

What's next for you? What's next for me?

What's next for us as a church? I don't know everything that comes next. Neither do you. But I know whose hands we're in. And as we

faithfully walk with God and worship Him, He will show us the next step in our walk with Him.

As these lessons are being put together and we begin talking about what it means to take the next step in following Jesus, I want to challenge you to do something this week. Find yourself a “mountain.” Find a place where you can get alone with God. Worship God. Pray to God. Talk to God. Listen to God. Then follow God. And when Jesus says, “Come,” take the next step.

You don't have to know everything that's next. You just need to know the One you're following.