

Bouquet Caboodle



Highland Lectionary Series

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Stepping Out Onto the Water

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22;
Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

Today's Big Idea

*Peter and Joseph model triumph through tribulation.
While we are never promised immunity from trouble, we
are promised overcoming power. Truly we can always be
overcoming something.*

Comparing Lectionary Protagonists Joseph and Peter

Both the “special one”

Both outside the boat and in the storm

Both need saving

Both are saved to save others: (Peter, see Acts 3:4-9; Joseph, Genesis 50:20-21)

The Unavoidable Stepping Out of the Boat

Not just for the special ones

In this world you will have tribulation: John 16:33

The nature of the “former things”: Revelation 21:4

A perspective that yields “peace”

Jesus: “I have overcome the world”

Always Overcoming Something

There are no guarantees for exemptions from a specific kind of trouble

But we have been promised an overcoming spirit: Romans 8:37, 12:21; 2 Cor 2:14

Overcoming = being saved through

Parts of the problem ↔ Self-management ↔ Obedience

“Momentum Joy” in the process

Spreading the fragrance of the knowledge of Jesus

The Discipline Mindset at the Starting Line: Romans 10:9

Confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord

Believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead

You will be saved!

The Key Excerpts for This Week's Thematic Thread

<i>Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28</i>	<i>Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22</i>	<i>Romans 10:5-15</i>	<i>Matthew 14:122-33</i>
19 They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. 20 Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." 21 But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." 23 So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe that he wore, 24 and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. 25 Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. 26 Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? 27 Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. 28 When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.	1 O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples. 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. 3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. 4 Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. 5 Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles and the judgments he has uttered. 6 O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones. When he summoned famine against the land and cut off every supply of bread, 17 he had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who had been sold as a slave. 18 His feet were hurt with fetters; his neck was put in a collar of iron; 19 until what he had said came to pass, the word of the Lord kept testing him. 20 The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free. 21 He made him lord of his house and ruler of all his possessions, 22 to instruct his officials at his pleasure and to teach his elders wisdom.	5 Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." 6 But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) 7 "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), 9 because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. 11 The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. 13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."	22 Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. 25 And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." 28 Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." 29 He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Next Week's texts: Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2, 29-32; Matthew 16:13-20