

VICTORY

PART 2

VICTORY OVER PROBLEMS

Matthew 14:22–33 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. After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone. Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!" But Jesus spoke to them at once. **"Don't be afraid,"** he said. **"Take courage. I am here!"** Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water." **"Yes, come,"** Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted. Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. **"You have so little faith,"** Jesus said. **"Why did you doubt me?"** When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. Then the disciples worshiped him. **"You really are the Son of God!"** they exclaimed.

1. MY PROBLEMS ARE NEVER TOO BIG FOR GOD.

Jeremiah 32:27 "I am the LORD, the God of all the peoples of the world. Is anything too hard for me?"

2. MY PROBLEMS ARE USED BY GOD FOR MY GROWTH.

James 1:2–4 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

3. MY PROBLEMS ARE A MUST FOR A MIRACLE.

Mark 10:51–52 So Jesus answered and said to him, **"What do you want Me to do for you?"** The blind man said to Him, "Rabbi, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, **"Go your way; your faith has made you well."** And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

4. MY PROBLEMS WILL BE A REASON TO PRAISE GOD.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.