

Big Idea: Our God is big, he is transcendent, he is immanent, he is trustworthy and available. He is able to meet all of our needs.

I. Review of chapter 6 in a sentence...

Chapter 6 is TWO miracles, ONE long discourse, and a DIMINISHED following

II. The fifth sign – walking on water

A. Jesus ABSENT from the disciples vs. 16-18

1. The SETTING

- EVENING
- CAPERNAUM
- PRAYING
- STORM

2. The SEPARATION is not by chance or choice, but by COMMAND

B. Jesus COMES to the disciples vs. 19-20

1. The APPEARANCE of the Lord

- He's just in TIME

- Jesus is that YOU?
 - It's a PHANTOM

 - It's a good reason to be AFRAID

2. The EMPHATIC identification

- A REVELATION

- Followed by a COMMAND

C. The AMAZING miracles v. 21

1. His WORD calmed them

2. His PRESENCE calmed the sea

III. What we take away...

Our focus can never be the storm; it must be the Lord of the storm. He uses the storm to grow our faith when we keep our eyes on him.