

HOW'S YOUR "CHECK OIL LIGHT" DOING?

We will be talking all year about making sure we have oil in our lamps while looking at end times prophecy throughout the Bible and how we should act and behave as Christians through the things unfolding in the world. Our goal in this is to get less distracted by all the stuff that's going on in our world.

EASILY DISTRACTED...

2026 The Little Chapel Verse:

“Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.”

-Hebrews 2:1

PETER'S FAITH

Matthew 14:22-27

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Peter's trust:

He didn't just believe Jesus could walk on water, he believed Jesus could enable him to do the same. By fixing his eyes on Jesus he stepped into the "impossible."

PETER'S FAITH

Peter's faith is an example of what's possible when our attention remains completely centered on Christ rather than the circumstances around us.

PETER'S FAITH

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.”

-Hebrews 11:6

PETER'S FAITH

“Now faith is being sure of
what we hope for and
certain of what we do not see.”

-Hebrews 11:1

PETER'S FAITH

“We live by faith, not by sight.”

-2 Corinthians 5:7

PETER'S FAITH

-Need to trust and believe in God rather than the tangible around us.

-Need to move forward even when the path ahead is unclear.

-Need to shift reliance from "my plan" to God's plan.

PETER'S EYES ON THE WAVES

**“But when he saw the wind,
he was afraid and, beginning to sink,
cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’”**

-Matthew 14:30

PETER'S EYES ON THE WAVES

We too get easily distracted and derailed
from spiritual growth:

1. Distractions often appear most powerful
in the middle of God moving.

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from spiritual growth:

2. Tangible problems become magnified
when they replace our focus on Christ.

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from spiritual growth:

3. You can not serve two masters, faith
and fear cannot coexist in our lives.

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from spiritual growth:

4. Spiritual victories can quickly turn to failures when our attention wanders.

CHRIST TO THE RESCUE

Matthew 14:31-36

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The question: “why did you doubt?” invited Peter to examine the internal process that led to his sinking. He diagnosed Peter’s problem as a faith deficiency caused by distraction.

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The storm ceased when they got back in the boat. The “external circumstances” were never the real problem, Peter’s distraction by those circumstances was. This story is a powerful metaphor on how allowing our gaze to drift even slightly from Jesus to our problems, inevitably leads to spiritual sinking.

CHRIST TO THE RESCUE

“But what does it matter?

The important thing is that in every way,
whether from false motives or true,
Christ is breached...”

-Philippians 1:18

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**"Consequently, faith comes from hearing
the message and the message is heard
through the Word of Christ."**

-Romans 10:17

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“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation; the old has gone,
the new has come!”

-2 Corinthians 5:17

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**“Consider it pure joy, my brothers,
whenever you face trials of many kinds,
because you know that the testing of your
faith develops perseverance. Perseverance
must finish its work so that you may be
mature and complete, not lacking anything.”**

-James 1:2-4

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“But Jesus immediately said to them:
‘Take courage! it is I. Don't be afraid.’”

-Matthew 14:27

HONOR & BLESSING

“Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live at peace with each other.”

-1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

HONOR & BLESSING

“Remember your leaders, who spoke the Word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

-Hebrews 13:7-8

HONOR & BLESSING

“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.” / “Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you.”

-1 Corinthians 11:1
& Philippians 3:17

HONOR & BLESSING

“These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts.

Impress them on your children.

Talk to them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”

-Deuteronomy 6:6-7

HONOR & BLESSING

“In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say.”

-Titus 2:7-8