



Peter's Courage

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"Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. 'It's a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.' 'Lord, if it's you,' Peter replied, 'tell me to come to you on the water.' 'Come,' he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?' And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'"

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- 1 The primary job of the Christian life is to remain in how God feels about us, not how we feel about him.
- 2 Don't attempt to do great things, attempt to live for a great God.
- 3 The extraordinary things of God begin with everyday ordinary acts of obedience.

4 God did more than just speak of love ,
or promise love, He demonstrated it.

5 Don't confuse suffering or pain as the
absence of God.

6 Don't let sin get a foothold in you, make
 confession a lifestyle.

- Sin wants to convince you that God doesn't hear you, see you and even worse, care about you.
- Sin wants to reduce your joy.
- Sin wants to restrict your growth.
- Sin wants to ruin your influence.

Small Group Questions

- 1** Share one thing that stood out to you in this week's sermon and why?
- 2** If you ranked your faith from 1-10, where would you land? What does faith look like to you and how can you grow in this area?
- 3** In hearing Peter's story, what inspires you the most? Would you relate with the disciples' story more, or Peter's?
- 4** How can we be praying for you this week?