

Peter's Journey

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- Jesus rebuked Peter more than any other disciple.
 - Peter was the only disciple who dared to rebuke Jesus.
- Peter confessed Jesus more boldly and accurately than any other disciple.
 - Peter denied Jesus more forcefully and publicly than any other disciple.
 - Jesus praised Peter more than any other disciple.
 - Jesus addressed Peter as Satan alone among the disciples.

Matthew 4:18-20

18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. **19** “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” **20** At once they left their nets and followed him.

- Peters obedience was immediate
 - What keeps us from immediate obedience?
 - Fear... of man, saying the wrong thing, looking foolish
 - Being inconvenienced
 - Fear of losing control

Matthew 4:20

20 At once they left their nets and followed him.

- Peters obedience cost him something
 - It cost him his nets
 - The nets represent
 - Identity
 - Provision

Matthew 14:25-31

25 Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. **26** When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

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

28 “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

29 “Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. **30** But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

- Peters faith was bold as long as his eyes where on Jesus.
- What are somethings that move our gaze from Jesus?
 - Storms / Trials in life
 - People / Relationships
 - Trusting our own plans

Isaiah 46:10

I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.'

John 16:33

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”