



Surviving Storms of Adversity

Matthew 14:22-34

Immediately after (miraculous feeding of 5,000), Jesus made his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake while he sent the people home. Afterward 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 to them, walking on the water. When the disciples saw him, they screamed in terror, thinking he was a ghost. But Jesus spoke to them at once. "It's all right," he said. "I am here! Don't be afraid."

Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you by walking on water."

"All right, come," Jesus said.

So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he looked around at the high waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted.

Instantly Jesus reached out his hand and grabbed him. "You don't have much faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?" And when they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped.

Then the disciples worshiped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.

After they had crossed the lake, they landed at Gennesaret.

Surviving Storms of Adversity

"late at night...the boat was far out to sea when the wind came up against them and they were battered by the waves." (23,24 Msg) "the disciples were in trouble" (24)

1. I use contrary winds to build _____

"Jesus made his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake" (22)

2. You may lose sight of me but I'm _____

"(Jesus) went up into the hills by himself to pray...He saw that they were in serious trouble" (Mark 6:46,48)

3. Nothing can keep me from _____ -- at the right time

"About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came to them, walking on the water." (25)

4. Don't fear the storm. I am _____

"When the disciples saw him, they screamed in terror... But Jesus spoke to them... It's all right. I am here! Don't be afraid." (26,27)

5. Risk a _____ with me in the storm

"Then Peter called to him, 'Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you by walking on water.' 'All right, come,' Jesus said. Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water to Jesus" (28,29)

6. I get you to our destination -- _____

"And when they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. Then the disciples worshiped him... (and) they landed at Gennesaret." (32-33)