



## Sunday 20th August 2017

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Peter walks on water and learns about doubt

Matt 14:22-33

1. What was your first experience for swimming like (deciding even go in a pool, put your feet in the water first time, feeling of fear, etc.)?
2. In Matt 14:22-33, we see Jesus immediately made the disciples get into the boat after the miracle of feeding the five thousand, despite knowing they would encounter a great storm.
  - What troubled the disciples on the sea? How did Jesus go to them (v24-25)?
  - How did the disciples react? What did Jesus say to reassure them (v26-27)?
  - What did Peter ask to do, and how did Jesus respond (v28-29)?
  - What happened to Peter, how was he saved, and what did Jesus say (v30-31)?
3. When Peter began to sink, two apparent choices he had were – swim back to the boat or call on Jesus to save Him.
  - At which point did Jesus reach out to Peter?
  - Cross reference what faith means in Hebrews 11:1. When do you see God demonstrate His control of circumstances in which you are entrapped?
4. What are some examples of how we let doubt overcome our faith?
5. What steps might be necessary for us to take in order to experience God's unlimited grace? (Think: Where is our gaze, on whom our confidence lies? What distractions take our eyes off from focusing on Jesus?)
6. In what ways do storms provide opportunities for adjusting the course we take? (Think of storms of correction, storms of perfection – Look up James 1:2-4)

**Action.** First step “out of the boat” is to stand up. Faith praises in a storm and turns double mindedness to a single focus in God’s unlimited grace.

