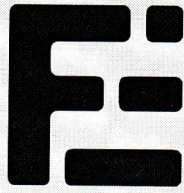


Wed Night



FRESH ENCOUNTER

Peter's Journey of Faith

STEP OUT OF THE BOAT

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Text: Matthew 14:22-33

"And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. 23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. 24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. 25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. 27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. 28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. 29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. 31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? 32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. 33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God." (Matthew 14:22-33)

INTRODUCTION

- a) Context: Feeding of 5000 verses 13-21
- b) Christian designed to live by faith
 - Eph 2:8 saved through faith
 - Heb 11:6 without faith impossible to please God

Character of Peter - his growth in faith

1. Object **OF FAITH** - Jesus of Nazare

- a. Boat caught in great storm on sea of Galilee
- b. Disciples thought figure walking on water was a ghost
- c. Jesus identifies Himself
- d. Peter asks Lord to command him to come to Jesus

2. Obedience **OF FAITH** - Christian service

- a. Not a blind faith
- b. Faith based on Jesus Himself
- c. 2 Tim 3:16 all Scripture inspired by God
- d. Peter walked on water towards Jesus
- other disciples stayed in the boat
- e. James 1:22 Be doers of the Word

3. Obstacle **OF FAITH**

- a. Barriers to faith - doubt, fear, pride
- b. But Peter noticed his surroundings of storm tossed waves
- c. Peter began to sink in the water
- d. Jesus saved Peter & stretched out His hand, walking Peter to the boat through the stormy waves

CONCLUSION

4. a. Storm did not stop until they stepped into the boat
- b. This second time Jesus saved disciples from storm
- First storm episode - Mt 8:23-27
- c. Disciples worshipped Jesus after wind stopped

