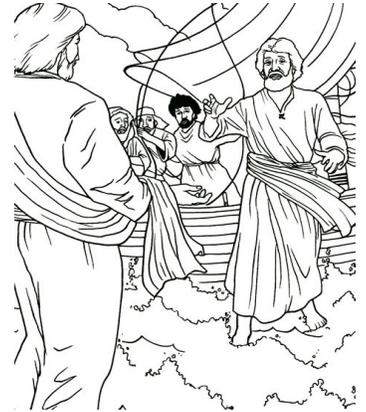


Do we “See” Wind of Doubt?

Jesus gave the command, “Come!” This wasn’t a suggestion, a request, or a possibility. Jesus said, “Come.” Then, it happened! Peter literally walked on water. Never mind that Jesus was *already* walking on the water. That’s beside the point. A mere man named Peter literally walked on water too! His shipmates saw him do it. He obeyed the command of Christ, the others watched as instructions were followed.

In order to get a good picture of the grace God provides, we should consider this literal undertaking by a man named Peter. He’s like us. He’s fearful and courageous. He has outward trepidation and inward composure. He seeks to understand Jesus. Yes, he’s a lot like us. Peter wasn’t forced to obey. He complied. In the middle of the storm tossed sea, Jesus said, “Come!” At that point, it was up to Peter to choose to obey—or not! Others stayed in the boat...



Think of the possibilities. God has commanded us (yes, over 127 commands in the New Testament alone!). Do we comply? Can it be said of our faith, “Thanks be to God, that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered” (Romans 6:17)? Have you obeyed from the heart? The faith Peter demonstrated was not merely “thinking” he could walk on water...he obeyed and literally did it. We must understand the only faith that works is a faith that *actually* works (see James 2:17-18). Do we “see” our faith working? What did the others in the boat see?

Did Peter walk on the water because of his own ability? Do we somehow believe Peter was transformed to be awesome and powerful at that moment? Or was Peter simply willing to go to Jesus? This situation required the grace of God applied to the life of Peter for him to walk on water. By demonstrating faith in Jesus, he stepped out on the storm tossed sea. We might consider how we demonstrate our faith today. Then...Peter began to sink. Why?

Interestingly, Peter “saw that the wind was boisterous” (strong, vehement wind), then he became afraid. His fear of the “wind” culminated in his “beginning to sink.” He was on top of the water, but now he was going under...Peter screamed! “Lord, save me!” And Jesus did. That’s what Jesus does—He saves obedient people.

“O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” Jesus says Peter began to sink because of doubt. Peter was successfully walking on the water and *then* he doubted. What “wind” in this world would cause us to “doubt” the grace of God in our life?

This incident of grace in action can be studied more in Matthew 14:25-33.

Bday/Anniv Lunch: ...when **we** can!

Bible Study: Consider your study of God’s Word (see **2 Timothy 2:15**) Make time to learn Scripture today...

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