

DIGGING DEEPER



Walking in Truth

1. What did you learn from our study in John 6:15-21 that you did not already know? What one change do you purpose to make in your life as a result of this study?
2. Name some of the things you fear. How are these fears affecting you?
3. Why were the disciples more afraid of Jesus coming toward them than of the storm? What application can you make to your own life from this observation?
4. Why do you suppose Peter asked Jesus to command him to leave his boat with the other disciples and come to Him on the water? Why is it so difficult to face our fears?
5. Describe a couple ways you overcome your fears. What counsel would you give to a non-Christian who is anxious?

FOR LONG-HANDLED SHOVELS

- How are trials and tribulations beneficial to the believer? Why should we count it all joy when we fall into various trials”?
- Why does God permit and even purpose for His children to suffer persecution? (read II Peter)

WALKING ON WATER



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Seven Signs that Jesus is
Messiah & God*

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Matthew 14:22-33

²²Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. ²³And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. ²⁴But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. ²⁵Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." ²⁹So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" ³¹And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

3. The disciples' fear is mentioned in relationship to the appearance of Jesus walking on the water (26).	Our _____ of the supernatural are greater than of the natural.
4. Peter confronted his fear of drowning in the storm and of supernatural uncertainty by responding to Christ's word (27,28).	Our _____ must be faced head on and overcome by faith in Christ's word.
5. Peter left the boat (29).	Our _____ & _____ must be forsaken.
6. Peter walked on the water until he saw the threatening wind (30).	Our _____, whether on Christ or on those things which threaten us, will determine our victory or defeat.
7. Peter, as he began to sink, cried out "Lord, save me!" (30).	Our _____ of faith in Christ will save us.
8. Peter was rescued by the Lord in an arms' distance (31).	Our _____, even in the midst of our greatest trial, is never far away.
9. The winds ceased when Peter & Jesus enter the boat (32).	Our _____ is found in Christ.
10. The other eleven disciples worshiped Christ and declared "Truly You are the Son of God" (33).	Others _____ when we trust Him with our fears.

1. The disciples were in the very place God wanted them when the storm came (22).	Our _____ to God does not mean that we will not be severely tested by life's storms.
2. The disciples were "in the midst" of the Sea of Galilee, about 4 miles away from either shore when a terrifying storm arose (24).	Our _____ to see God's glory and provision will come when our resources and strength is exhausted.