

# Walking by Faith

Matthew 14:22

## Obedience

- Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side,
  - while he dismissed the crowd.

## Obedience

- After he had dismissed them,
  - he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray.
- When evening came,
  - he was alone

## Troubles

- but the boat was already a considerable distance from land
  - buffeted by the waves
    - because the wind was against it
- “tormented by the waves”

## Troubles

- Obedience to Jesus does not mean the freedom from difficulty.

## Troubles

- During the fourth watch
  - Jesus went out to them walking on the lake.
- when the disciples saw
  - they were terrified

## Troubles

- “It’s a ghost” they said,
- cried out in fear

## Troubles

- When we experience trouble, we often revert to old patterns of thinking.

## Courage

- Jesus immediately said to them,
  - Take courage!
- It is I
  - “I am”
- Don’t be afraid

## Courage

- Jesus can do mighty works.
  - He is worthy of our trust.

## Courage

- “Lord, if it’s you,
  - tell me to come to you on the water.”
- “Come,” he said.

## Courage

- Peter got down out of the boat,
  - walked on the water
  - and came toward Jesus

## Courage

- Jesus calls us to do what he's doing.
- In him, we can do mighty works.

## Courage

- But when he saw the wind,
  - he was afraid
  - beginning to sink
- cried out
  - "Lord, save me!"

## Courage

- Jesus...caught him
  - You of little faith,
  - why did you doubt.

## Courage

- Don't allow difficulty to distract you from Jesus or overwhelm you with fear.

## Worship

- those who were in the boat worshiped him
  - "Truly you are the Son of God."

## Walking by Faith

- Obey the commands of Jesus.
- Don't allow trouble to overwhelm your faith.
- Take courage in the power of Christ.
- Worship him as he truly is.