

STEPPING OUT; FOLLOWING CLOSE

Matthew 14:22-32

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Obedience

²²Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.

²³After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Dependence

²⁵During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

²⁸"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

The focus of my _____ will determine the level of my _____.

It's in the stress of the _____ that I realize the _____ of the Savior

²⁹"Come," he said.

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

³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

Reverence

³²And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The path of greatest _____ is rarely the path of least _____

Where to go from here:

Peter's Life and Writings (week 2 of 5)

Matthew 14:22-36 ~ Mark 6:45-51 ~ John 6:15-21
1 Peter 1:13-2:3 ~ 1 Peter 2:4-12 ~ 1 Peter 2:13-25

<http://parkerhill.wordpress.com> – follow-up questions from this weekend's teaching for you and your small group

The Fragile Stone by Michael Card

Footsteps of the Fisherman by Scott Walker – great for personal or small group study

Sunday, November 8 is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. To learn more about believers around the world who are suffering for their faith – go to www.idop.org.