



Walking on Water



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One of the most amazing feats that Jesus did was when he walked on the water towards the boat of the apostle amidst the large waves cause by strong winds on the lake. What is equally amazing was that he enabled Peter to do the same.

A mere man doing the same thing as the Lord, an act that defies explanation to the amazement of the other apostle Peter boldly stepped out of the boat upon the call of Jesus. As Peter slowly moved towards Jesus, all the while his eyes was set on Him, it was his sole desire to be with His Lord. But when He felt the strong winds blowing harshly against him, he momentarily took his eyes from his goal and glance upon the waves. This allowed the enemy to plant seeds of doubt upon him. The situation he was in terrified him, he saw what the world saw and he had accepted the worst probability of his fate. He looked around and then looked at himself. He must have asked himself in that brief moment, "How am I able to do this?" Slowly he began to sink the winds and the waves started to eat him up. As he cried, "Lord save me" Jesus lifted him out of the situation he was in.

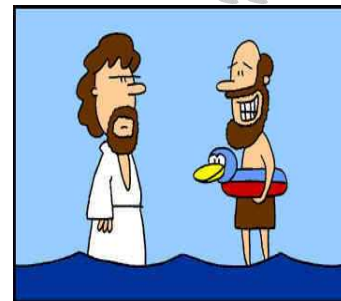
Often times we go through situations in our lives that we are saddled with problem and struggle. These are like strong winds and waves that bashes against us, eating us up. We try to fight but it continuously overcomes us. Just like Peter, when he looked at his capabilities and the situation he was in, he resigned to the fact that he was incapable of handling the pressure. To think that, he was the one who boldly dared Jesus to allow him to be placed into that dilemma.

It is when we are focused on pursuing the Lord and when all our effort is dedicated in attaining that relationship and fellowship with our Lord that all the struggles, problems, and pains seems to just pass us by.

We must then realize that it is the Lord who sustains us and lifts our feet on top of the waves and shields us from the strong winds...

[Read the Story in Matthew 14:22-32](#)

Fun Stuff



"Oh Peter, You of little faith"

Miracles of Generosity

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Allow me to look in a different light the miracles with the fishes and the loaves where Christ feeds the multitudes by multiplying the fish and the loaves that the boy brought.

Not in any intention to diminish the miracle that Christ did, for truly Christ is able to produce out of nothing as through him the world was created as mentioned in the very first chapter of John and it was created out of nothing.



Just to indulge the skeptics that questions how such miracle could have been perform in the presence of such multitudes. Let us look at the boy that brought the fishes and the loaves of bread. If such a boy could think of bringing food, in fact the food he brought was even more than what he could eat for himself. It is less likely that the other people who came that day brought food for themselves. It is just that it was only the boy, who showed generosity and offered his own food. Having acquired the food from the boy

Jesus blessed the food and instructed the apostle to distribute the food to the multitudes.

It is then that miracle happened for Christ multiplied the generosity of the boy for each time people were given food they themselves brought out their food and placed it on the baskets until everyone on the mountain was able to eat and more than enough was left over.

The true miracle is the transforming Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. For through Him the hearts of the multitude was changed from selfishness to Generosity...

Faith in the midst of the storm

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We speak of faith but, how much faith do we really have. At the first sign of a problem, do we start to worry, when struggles abound, do we whimper. If we truly are Christians and we earnestly believe that Christ is with us, and that God has always had our best interest in mind. How do we stand the test of times?

Most of us start to quiver in the prospect of enduring struggle and worry in the face of problems, yet we profess that we live by the grace of God.

Let us look back at the time when the apostle faced the same predicament. It was a stormy day the winds were howling and the waves was crashing. The boat that they were in was literally being tossed and turned. It seems that their fate was already sealed and death and destruction was eminent.

Amidst it all Jesus was calmly sleeping as if being rocked in his cradle. Fear and uncertainty drove the apostle to wake Jesus from His quite slumber. What happens next was a show of the awesome power of our Lord as He commanded the storm to die down.

But let us focus on the apostle for during all that time the Lord was with them. Yet they lack the faith that they will be able to survive the ordeal. Indeed the Lord is our refuge and our strength in times of trouble and we can always count on Him to deliver us from harm. But still, at times we tend to show lack of faith even if we truly believe that our Lord is with us.

As Christian, we profess that we are one with God yet a single sign of trouble we buckle. The reason for this is most often we tend to focus on the problem and assume the worst that can happen. This has a tendency to chip away from our faith. For our faith is based on the hope and promises that God has given us. We need to focus on that hope and promises and be assured that even if there are storms of trouble and struggles in our life, the hope and promises that God gave us will withstand all this turmoil. Just as Jesus was sure and secured that the boat he was in was sturdy and can withstand the waves and the storm...

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