

Revival Christian Fellowship

Night Scenes of the Bible

Matthew 14:22-32 - The Night of Tempest

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Main Point: Faith in the face of fear

Introduction

- Read Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52 and John 6:16-21. Compare and contrast these different accounts of Jesus walking on the water.

Understanding

1. The First Anchor - His Providence. Read Matthew 14:22-23.

- a. For what reasons did Jesus insist that the disciples get into the boat to cross the lake? Refer also to John 6:15.
- b. How can a storm protect, perfect and correct us in our walk with Christ?
- c. Explain how in the story of Jonah his storm was instrumental in correcting his path.

2. The Second Anchor - His Prayers. Read Mathew 14:23-24

- a. Since Jesus was the Son of God, why was it necessary for Him to get away from the crowds and the disciples and spend time in prayer?
- b. What role does Jesus have in heaven according to Romans 8:34? How does this give you faith to face your fears/storms?
- c. What is your most difficult challenge to a consistent, healthy prayer life?

3. The Third Anchor - His Presence. Read Matthew 14:25-27.

- a. In this story, what makes the disciples think they are seeing a ghost? How do they react to this apparition?
- b. What does Jesus' ability to walk on water say about His nature?
- c. What can we learn from these scriptures about God's presence?
 - i. Psalm 139:7-12
 - ii. Isaiah 43:2
- d. How did the disciples respond to Jesus walking on the water?

- e. Describe a time when you faced a fear, how did you react?

- f. Share other places in scripture where we are told not to fear? Why do you think this is such a common theme?

4. The Fourth Anchor - His Purpose. Read Matthew 14:28-31.

- a. Had you been in the boat that day, would you have reacted like Peter or like one of the disciples who stayed in the boat? Explain.

- b. What caused Peter to lose his trust in Jesus? Have you ever lost trust in Jesus? Explain.

- c. What positive results can come from facing a storm with faith in Jesus?

- d. What purpose did God have for Peter and the other disciples by having them experience this event?

- e. When Peter begins to sink, he cries out, "Lord, save me." What does such a response recognize about Jesus?

- f. Even though Peter followed Jesus' call to walk on the water, why did Jesus scold him for doubting?

5. The Fifth Anchor - His Power. Read Matthew 14:32-33.

- a. What were the two responses from the disciples?

Application

- Where do you feel that God is calling you to “get out of the boat” today?