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**Walking on Water**

Our faith is being stretched in all kinds of ways and God is calling us to trust in Him in 'out of the boat' circumstances.

Matthew 14:22-33

- **Unlikely disciples learn to move from misinformation to mission.**

"Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side..." v22

Jesus made the disciples leave before they got side tracked from His mission to change hearts by the grace of God.

Be careful to discern between truth and misinformation, with all spiritual wisdom, lest we run to quick judgement.

Be careful that we are not falling for the lie that our eternal spiritual freedom is dependent on temporary earthly freedom.

Process our frustrations in the storms of life before the Father so that our hearts are free from resentment and bitterness.

Flee from misinformation and stay on God's mission of transformation.

- **Unlikely disciples learn to trust Jesus in the storms of life.**

The storms of life reveal the depth of our faith in God.

"...Shortly before dawn, He went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them," Mark 6:48

Jesus doesn't 'disappoint' us because of His lack of care or power to act but because of our limits to trust Him. Even the cross disappointed some!

We are in danger of forming an image of a Jesus who can be used for the good life we always wanted and not for the real life we always needed.

Unlikely disciples learn to trust Jesus in the storms of life because He alone is worthy!

"...Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." v27

God is calling out faith. Trust Him in the storm. Pray to Him in the storm. Worship Him in the storm. He is there.

- **Unlikely disciples learn to step out in the storms of life.**

" 'Lord, if it's you', Peter replied, 'tell me to come to you on the water'." v28

It is one thing to survive the storm, it is another thing to step out and follow Jesus in the storm.

God is calling us to join Him on mission to see new people begin a relationship with Jesus Christ, belong to God's family and become more like Jesus.

Unlikely disciples learn to step out of the boat in the storms of life and to keep their eyes on Jesus.

"...'Lord, save me!' " v30

As our faith in Christ grows, we worship Him more deeply, seeing more of His beauty and grace to us as His unlikely disciples.

### Questions for Reflection:

- Where do you go with the frustration you feel about what is happening in our world and your life?
- What area in your life is God calling you to trust Him with in the storm that you cannot control?
- In what way is God calling you to step out into the unknown and uncertainty to experience His miraculous power?