

THE CONTEXT

²² Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

²³ And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.

²⁴ But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

Matthew 14:22-24

1. The Multitudes were sent away
2. The Disciples were in a Boat traveling to the next place of ministry
3. The Lord Jesus had gone into the mountains to be alone with God

STORMY WEATHER

²⁵ Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea.

²⁶ And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.

²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

Matthew 14:25-27

1. A sudden storm arose
2. The Lord Jesus was walking on the Sea
3. The Disciples became afraid
4. They thought they had seen a ghost!
5. A word of assurance was given by the Lord Jesus

"Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." Matthew 14:27

PETER'S RESPONSE

²⁸ And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

²⁹ So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

Matthew 14:28-29

1. He asked to walk on the water
2. The Lord replied in the affirmative
3. Peter walked on the water to the Lord Jesus

THE PROBLEM OF FEAR

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

³¹ And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

³³ Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

Matthew 14:30-33

1. Fear began to take a toll on Peter
 - a) He began to sink
 - b) He had to cry out "Lord, save me"
2. The Lord Jesus' response
 - a) He stretched out His hand and caught Peter
 - b) He spoke to him candidly

"O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Matthew 14:31

 - i) The problem of little faith

- ii) The problem of doubt that arises from little faith

3. The Cessation of the storm

- a) The Lord Jesus stepped into their boat
- b) The storm ceased immediately

LESSONS FOR US TO LEARN

1. The problem of “little faith”

- a) The reality
- b) The roots

2. Root problems

- a) Fear
- b) Doubts
- c) Not learning spiritual lessons well
- d) Not growing our faith well