

Bethany Bible Church
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Where is Your Focus? -- You Can Walk on Water
Matthew 14:22-23

Jesus purposely allows us to experience situations that _____
_____. (vv. 22-24)

Jesus powerfully demonstrates His _____ in many ways. (vv. 25-27)

Jesus sovereignly calls us to _____ of our comfort zone to
_____ in otherwise impossible situations. (vv. 28-29)

Jesus compassionately _____ us when we begin to sink. (vv. 30-32)

Jesus is uniquely worthy of our _____ in all circumstances. (v. 33)

Jesus purposely allows us to experience challenging circumstances so that we may increasingly trust and worship Him at all times.

Questions for Discussion and Further Reflection

1. Why does Jesus regularly place us in situations that test our faith?
2. Why does “the easy life” *not* produce spiritual strength?
3. Why is intimate, relational knowledge of God the most important gift we can receive?
4. Favorable and unfavorable circumstances. How do both kinds of circumstances make it difficult to focus on Christ alone?
5. Why is God’s faithfulness vastly superior over any circumstance?
6. Why is worshipping God so essential for us to overcome our fear?



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(vv. 22-24)

"Behold, his soul is puffed up;
it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live
by his faith."

Habakkuk 2:4

"So we are always of good courage ...
for we walk by faith and not by sight."

2 Corinthians 5:6-7

"Count it all joy my brothers when
you meet trials of various kinds for
you know that the testing of your
faith produces steadfastness."

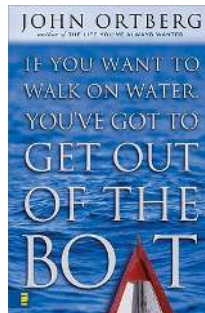
James 1:2-3

Jesus powerfully demonstrates His divine authority in many ways.

(vv. 25-27)

Jesus sovereignly calls us to step out of our comfort zone to walk with Him in otherwise impossible situations.

(vv. 28-29)



"For nothing will be impossible with God."


Luke 1:37

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13


Jesus compassionately rescues us when we begin to sink.

(vv. 30-32)



Jesus is uniquely
worthy of our worship in
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