



# The Way of Faith

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*Immediately after this [the feeding of the 5000], Jesus made his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake while he sent the people home. <sup>23</sup>Afterward he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone. <sup>24</sup>Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves.*

*<sup>25</sup>About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came to them, walking on the water. <sup>26</sup>When the disciples saw him, they screamed in terror, thinking he was a ghost. <sup>27</sup>But Jesus spoke to them at once. "It's all right," he said. "I am here! Don't be afraid."*

*<sup>28</sup>Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you by walking on water."*

*<sup>29</sup>"All right, come," Jesus said.*

*So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he looked around at the high waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted.*

*<sup>31</sup>Instantly Jesus reached out his hand and grabbed him. "You don't have much faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?" <sup>32</sup>And when they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped.*

*<sup>33</sup>Then the disciples worshiped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.*

- Matthew 14:22-33 (NLT)

## I. The Dynamics of Faith

- Life is Often Tough and Scary
- Jesus Is With Us - In and Above the Storm
- We Can Find Courage to 'Step Out in Faith'
- The Challenge to Keep Persevering in Faith
- Jesus Will Eventually Confirm Our Faith

## II. Faith as Believing and Trusting

- Believing in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord
- Believing in God's Word
- Trusting Jesus in the Storm
- Trusting God to Provide For Our Needs
- Trusting Jesus as we Step Out in Life

## III. The Way of Faith

*Jesus told them. "I assure you, even if you had faith as small as a mustard seed you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible." - Matthew 17:20*

*But when I, the Son of Man, return, how many will I find who have faith?*

*- Luke 18:8*

*And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to live in obedience to him. <sup>7</sup>Let your roots grow down into him and draw up nourishment from him, so you will grow in faith, strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught. Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all he has done. - Col. 2:6-7*