

Jump Out of the Boat Pr.Victor Barreira

INTRO: Have you ever questioned God? Like “Am I in the right place? Is this the right time? Should I stay or should I go now?” When Lord?

Isaiah 52:12 But you will not leave in haste or go in flight; for the LORD will go before you, the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

READ Matthew 14:22-33

Many of us know this story of Jesus and Peter walking on the water. There's a lot to discover from Peter's request to Jesus.

1. Vs 22-24 Have you ever obeyed God and said “why did you bring me here?” There will be times where you will question you should have got out of the boat
2. vs 25-27 Though Jesus himself was approaching them, they were terrified thinking in was a ghost. Sometimes, the answer to prayer does not appear the way we want it but it's still Jesus. Sometimes answers in storms come in ways that are scary, but needed.
3. vs 28 Peter asks for confirmation. “If it is you, tell me to come out.” know that Jesus was pleased with Peter's desire amidst the storm! It's like saying “I know it's stormy here but I got something else on my mind. I want to do what you are doing!”
4. vs29a ‘Come.’ Jesus didn't play safe with Peter but challenged him. He could of said, “Now Peter, your getting hot headed’ but he told him to come.
 - vs29b Peter walked on the water! That's the *honeymoon* stage. ‘I'm Invincible!’ It's a new walk of faith! It's a new day!” That's what the water-walk feels like.
 - vs29c whenever you step out in faith, expect the storm to try to get in front of your eyes! We need a fresh revelation of Him that is behind us (our rear guard) and before us.
5. vs30 ‘Lord, save me!’ Notice Jesus rebuke before helping him “O you of little faith.” God will remind us what got us sinking in the first place – getting our eyes off Jesus!
6. vs31 ‘Immediately!’ God is always on time! Even though we may falter in our walk, Christ is just a prayer away to snatch us from the devil's plans and get us back to ‘calm waters.’

Conclusion:

1. God is before you because He's called you to walk by faith
2. God is there to catch you when you fall in your walk. He won't let go. He's just a call away!