

## Dealing with Doubt

*And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. (Matthew 14:22)*

Where God sends you, He will protect and provide for you. In this case, Jesus had given His disciples a destination and provided them with the means. When you spend time with God, He will, without fail, send you somewhere. Frequently, too, he will send you *ahead* of Him so you can see Him show up on the scene and truly manifest His glory. Our job is to simply be obedient and go!

*But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. (Matthew 14:24)*

When God sends you, the enemy will resist you. An assignment from God is a threat to the devil and, therefore, things will show up to steal from you, kill you, or destroy you. When you are on assignment from the Lord, you can expect storms to come.

*And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, **Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.** (Matthew 14:25-27)*

When you are in the midst of trouble, God is walking with and talking to you. Jesus promised He'd never leave nor forsake us and that He'd never leave us comfortless. When it seems we're alone in the midst of a raging sea, God is right beside us, calming and guiding us.

*And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, **Come.** And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. (Matthew 14:28-29)*

We must remain focused on our source. Many people mistakenly believe that Jesus was the only person to walk on water. Searching the scriptures reveals that Peter walked on the water, too – as long as he remained focused on Jesus! Whenever we are earnestly headed toward Jesus, we can do extraordinary things.

*But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. (Matthew 14:30)*

Distractions come to cause doubt. The winds and the waves come to take our focus off Jesus and our divine assignment. We have to learn to look past our physical senses and establish a spiritual focus. The winds and waves of life come and go but we cannot lose sight of the true source.

When you cry out to God, He will hear AND save you!

Fear displaces faith and empowers doubt.

Strong faith renders doubt powerless

Doubt will deny God's best for you.

Deal with doubt by strengthening your faith.

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