



## Walking On the Water of Fear :: Peter

May 31, 2015

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*Joshua 1:9 (NLT)*

<sup>22</sup> ...Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup> After He had dismissed them, He went up on a mountainside by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. <sup>25</sup> During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw Him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." <sup>28</sup> " Lord, if it's You," Peter replied, "tell me to come to You on the water." <sup>29</sup> "Come," He said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus reached out His hand and caught him. "You of little faith," He said, "why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat worshipped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

*Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)*

### WALKING ON THE WATER OF FEAR:

#### 1. ADMIT WHERE YOU ARE \_\_\_\_\_.

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*Matthew 14:26 (NIV)*

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#### 2. TAKE THE \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>29</sup> "Come," He said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

*Matthew 14:29 (NIV)*

**KEY TRUTH: Lack of \_\_\_\_\_ adds fuel to the \_\_\_\_\_.**

#### 3. EXPECT THE \_\_\_\_\_.

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#### 4. REACH FOR THE \_\_\_\_\_.

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<sup>13</sup> I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

*Philippians 4:13 (NIV)*

#### 5. GIVE THE \_\_\_\_\_.

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