

I DARE YOU TO MOVE

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Livestream Service – Pastor Christian Salzillo

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Matthew 14:22-32 CSB

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ After dismissing the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. Well into the night, he was there alone. ²⁴ Meanwhile, the boat was already some distance from land, battered by the waves, because the wind was against them. ²⁵ Jesus came toward them walking on the sea very early in the morning. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost!” they said, and they cried out in fear.

²⁷ Immediately Jesus spoke to them. “Have courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

²⁸ “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter answered him, “command me to come to you on the water.”

²⁹ He said, “Come.” And climbing out of the boat, Peter started walking on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the strength of the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me!”

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand, caught hold of him, and said to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”

³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ Then those in the boat worshiped him and said, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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The disciples were right where they were supposed to be, doing exactly what they were comfortable doing.

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Jesus shows up; an arrival which generates fear!

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There's a lesson that Jesus intends to teach them – he needs their undivided attention and for them to remember this lesson forever.

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A declaration of courage from the Lord always proceeds a step of faith!

("Have courage. It is I. Don't be afraid.")

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Peter didn't fail the test, for the test was never about walking on water. It was about trusting in Christ's declaration of courage and being willing to move even in the midst of his fear!

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