



"BEYOND US...TO HIM"
MATTHEW 14:22-33
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Reach Missouri 2030

5 Waypoint Multisites in STL Metro & multiple Rural Waypoint Campuses

50 Waypoint Microsites

500 Waypoint 1 to 1 Discipleship Graduates per year

5000+ in Weekly Attendance

50,000 participants per year in local, national, & global mission efforts

"Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.' And Peter answered Him and said, 'Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.' So He said, 'Come.' And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, 'Lord, save me!' And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?' And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, 'Truly You are the Son of God.'" Matthew 14:22-33 (NKJV)

1. The PRESENCE of storms does not indicate the ABSENCE of God.

"Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away." V22 (NKJV)

"And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary." V23-24 (NKJV)

"Therefore He is able, once and forever to save those who come to God through Him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf." Hebrews 7:25 (NIV)

2. If we don't learn to trust Jesus MORE, we will learn to trust Him LESS.

"Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.'" V25-27 (NKJV)

"...for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4 (NIV)

"When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you." Isaiah 43:2-3 (NLT)

3. We will never WALK on water while SITTING in the boat.

"And Peter answered Him and said, 'Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.' So He said, 'Come.' And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus." V28-29 (NKJV)

➡ **Peter didn't ATTEMPT too much; he TRUSTED too little.**

4. Every PROBLEM over our head is already under Jesus' FEET.

"...Jesus went to them, walking on the sea." V25b (NKJV)

"And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way." Ephesians 1:22-23 (NIV)

5. The center of our FOCUS will determine the size of our FAITH.

"BUT WHEN HE SAW that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased." V30-32 (NKJV)

'...and lo, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, even to the end of the age.' Matthew 28:19-20 (NKJV)