

Matthew 14:28-32

The faith to get out of the boat

“And Peter answered Him and said, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” And He said, “Come!” And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But seeing the wind, he became afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!” And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when He got into the boat, the wind stopped.

I think that often we start with real faith. We start with a faith that is absolutely assured of receiving what we have asked for, whether it be for help or a need or a desire. We have enough faith to literally get out of the boat - which is indeed miraculous - but only moments later the faith that got us over the side takes note of the fact that what we have done or asked for really is humanly impossible. Then the challenges and opposition add their fuel to the fire of our uncertainty and fears.

The faith to step out of the boat is truly awesome! It is real faith that has started us on the path of the impossible, but the completion of that faith requires keeping our gaze firmly fixed on Jesus and completely disregarding our circumstances and surroundings. In Jesus face is reality, (God’s reality) He is the creator of all things and all things conform to His will.

So if you are struggling right now after having the faith to start with, BE ASSURED, your faith was real and your trust justified! You are simply experiencing the next step that has been placed in front of you and if you hold onto that same faith you will not be disappointed. And for those who falter in the face of the storm, be of good courage, as with Peter, He will not leave you to die but will reach out and take hold of you. Though you may receive a rebuke as Peter did, you will not be overcome by the storm for Jesus has His eyes upon you.

Do not be dismayed! But go forth with great confidence in the Lord! He is your refuge and your strength! May He be your boast today! Our God is the Lord and creator of all!

God bless you all!

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