

Walk on Water

Series Outline

- I. **(8/14)** Introduction: Peter, “I walked on water.”
 - II. **(8/21)** Lesson 1: Are you even in the boat?
 - a. Where are you in your spiritual life?
 - i. On the shore: Watching others live the life
 - ii. In the boat: Being obedient to Christ
 - iii. Walking on water: Risking your life for Christ
 - b. **(8/21)** Where do you want to go spiritually?
 - i. Having a relationship with God—John 14:15-21
 - ii. Taking your faith seriously, for the first time—James 2:18-19
 - iii. Living the Christ-Life, following in his steps—1 Peter 2:21-23
 - c. How are you going to get where you want to be?
 - i. Is someone going to do the work for you?
 - ii. Are you going to take the responsibility for your spirituality?
 - iii. Will you just wait until you’re older, when it really matters?
- (9/4, 11—Two Lessons on “Where’s God When People Are Dying?”)*
- III. Lesson 2: “Lord, if it’s you...”
 - (How do I recognize when Jesus is calling?)
 - a. **(9/18, 25)** Doubting: Is it okay or a sin?—John 20:24-31
 - i. No scriptural basis for doubting to be a sin.
 - ii. It is a litmus test of your maturity in Christ.
 - b. **(10/2)** You should be able to recognize his voice.—John 10:1-6
 - i. Those who belong to the shepherd follow him.
 - ii. They never follow a stranger because they don’t recognize his voice.
 - c. He will never call you to do something you’re incapable of doing.
--1 Corinthians 10:13
 - d. He will rescue the godly from any harm.
--2 Peter 2:4-10...emphasis on verse 9, “The Lord knows...”
 - IV. **(10/9)** Lesson 3: “If God protects the godly, why do Christians suffer?”
 - a. How are we supposed to interpret 2 Peter 2:9, “if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials...”?
 - i. What situations does this apply to?
 - 1. God rescues the godly from what...
 - 2. Does this mean God protects everyone who loves him from every form of trial?
 - ii. What does it mean to be rescued from “trials”? 1 Corinthians 10:13
 - 1. He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear
 - 2. He will provide a way out so that you can stand up under it
 - b. It appears that the passage is referring to a context that is dealing with these two stories:
 - i. Noah: Protected from God’s destruction of the world
 - ii. Lot: Protected from God’s destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah
 - iii. The Lord called both of these people to act in order to be saved.

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- c. Application: How does this relate to walking on water?
 - i. When the Lord calls us out of the boat, he will protect us if we fall—“he will provide a way out” (1 Corinthians 10:13)
 - ii. Also, in situations where the Lord himself is the one producing the suffering (like in the flood or destroying Sodom and Gomorrah), the righteous will be called to act in order to be protected.
 - iii. Also, many times those who are unwilling to act (and remain in the boat) or disobey will suffer along with those who did evil. (for example, Lot’s wife)

(10/16 we will have someone teach a combined class—MS and HS—in the lighthouse)
(10/23) a representative from Lipscomb taught our Sunday morning class

- V. **(10/30)** Lesson 4: Getting out of the boat—Hebrews 11:39-12:3
 - a. Courage: You must have courage to follow Christ.
 - i. Jesus said, “Take courage, it is I; don’t be afraid.”—Mt 14:27
 - ii. “Be strong and courageous...the Lord goes with you.”—Jos. 1:6-9
 - b. Determination: You must be determined to follow Christ.
 - i. Understanding what is required of you—1 Thessalonians 5:12-24
 - ii. Taking up your cross daily—Luke 9:23-27
 - iii. Undergoing persecution for Christ—Matthew 5:11-12
 - iv. Throwing off everything that hinders—Hebrews 12:1
 - c. Faith: You must have faith in Christ.
 - i. Fixing your eyes on Jesus—Hebrews 12:2
 - ii. Not on what is seen, but what is unseen—2 Corinthians 4:18
 - iii. Know that he will catch you when you fall—Matthew 14:29-31

- VI. **(10/30)** Lesson 5: “Lord, save me!”
 - a. Why we doubt when we see Jesus in front of us:
 - i. Obstacle 1: Distractions
 - 1. Satan works hard to take our eyes off Jesus.
 - 2. Frightening tactics work well to distract us.
 - 3. Obsession will always take us off course.
 - 4. Lies about love, sexual needs, and acceptance are killers.
 - ii. Obstacle 2: Doubt
 - 1. Are you sure you need Jesus to save you?
 - 2. Are you afraid that he’ll let you d(r)own?
 - 3. Do you doubt out of habit?
 - b. Do you cry out to Jesus when you begin to sink?
 - i. Humility: Will you admit that you need him?—Matthew 14:30
 - ii. Humility: Trying to save yourself is a futile task—Matt 16:24-25
 - iii. Humility: He can do things you can’t do—Matthew 9:25-26
 - iv. Humility: Surrender your burdens—Matthew 11:28-30

- VII. (11/13) Lesson 6: “Come and walk on the water.”
- a. Don’t be afraid of what Jesus can do through you!
 - i. If he’s calling you to act in a radical way, don’t be afraid.
 - ii. If you know it is Jesus calling you, act and don’t doubt.
 - iii. No matter what happens when you act, he’ll be with you.
 - b. Remember that Jesus enabled Peter to walk on the water
 - i. Peter did not have special powers
 - ii. Jesus can also work through you to accomplish great things
 - c. **FINAL POINT:** You must be willing to offer yourself to him
 - i. Peter stepped up and asked Jesus if he could go to him on the water
 - ii. If you don’t offer yourself to God, someone else will.
 - iii. You’ll be one of the eleven watching “Peter” walk to Jesus.
 - iv. And when he calls you to do something radical, do it.