

# MESSAGE NOTES

## PETER WALKS ON WATER!

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### Matthew 14:22-33 (NLT)

*Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home. <sup>23</sup>After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone. <sup>24</sup>Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. <sup>25</sup>About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. <sup>26</sup>When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!" <sup>27</sup>But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!" <sup>28</sup>Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water." <sup>29</sup>"Yes, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted. <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?" <sup>32</sup>When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. <sup>33</sup>Then the disciples worshiped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.*

#### **I. This story teaches us about obedience to God and His Word!**

It was the will of God that the disciples got into the boat and headed out into the middle of the lake, and they did it!

#### **II. This story teaches us that God allows everybody to experience tough times!**

It was the will of God that the storm would come right when the men got out into the middle of the lake!

#### **III. This story teaches us that Jesus is always near when you go through a storm! Jesus actually meets you in the middle of the storms!**

#### **IV. This story teaches us that God sometimes calls people to do risky things for Him!**

#### **V. This story teaches us that we all have some growing to do!**