



TRINITY

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Discussion & Application
Sunday, February 16, 2025

Scripture Reading - Matthew 14:23-33

24 And after he had dismissed the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. 25 And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

28 And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." 29 He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Discussion & Application - Adults

1. Jesus calls out "O you of little faith" when his disciples are anxious or afraid. What are some specific situations in your life where fear tends to overshadow faith? How does Jesus' presence address those fears?
2. Faith is not just believing certain facts, but actively trusting Christ. What are some practical ways you can exercise faith in your daily decisions, relationships, or work?
3. Jesus repeatedly contrasts "little faith" with true trust in God's provision. What are some ways that worry and self-reliance creep into your spiritual life? How does Matthew 6:25-34 speak to this?
4. In Matthew 14:30, Peter began to sink when he "saw the wind." In that moment, the wind seemed "more real" to him than Jesus. Why is it important that Jesus be "more real" to us than anything else?
5. Jesus calls us to a growing faith. Looking back over the past year, in what ways has your faith grown?

Discussion & Application - Kids

1. What is something that makes you worry? How can you trust Jesus when you feel that way?
2. When Peter walked on water, he sank when he looked away from Jesus. What are some things that make it hard to focus on Jesus, and how can you remember to trust Him?
3. What are some ways you can practice having more faith in Jesus this week? Maybe praying when you're scared, reading a Bible story, or talking about Jesus with your family?
4. Jesus says we don't need to be afraid because He is always with us. How does knowing that Jesus is in control help you when you feel afraid?