

# “NEXT STEP, WALKING ON WATER”

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## Theme Text: Psalms 139:6

*Your knowledge is beyond my comprehension; it is far beyond me, I am unable to fathom it.*

## Teaching Text: Matthew 14:25-33

*<sup>25</sup> Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.*

*<sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.*

*<sup>27</sup> But Jesus immediately said to them: “**Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.**”*

*<sup>28</sup> “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”*

*<sup>29</sup> “**Come,**” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”*

*<sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “**You of little faith,**” he said, “**why did you doubt?**”*

*<sup>32</sup> And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”*

Recognizing THE REALITY of God can be scary.

## **Matthew 14:26, 27**

*When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: “**Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.**”*

- Jesus’ Answer: DON’T BE AFRAID.

## **Romans 8:35-39**

*<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?  
<sup>36</sup> As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”*

*<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*

*<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

- You are a super CONQUEROR!

With your eyes on Jesus, you can do AMAZING THINGS.

## **Matthew 14:28, 29**

*“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”  
“**Come,**” he said.*

- His Answer is: Come on! TOGETHER we can do this.

When you find yourself SINKING IN A STORM, reach out to Jesus.

## **Matthew 14:29-31**

*Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “**You of little faith,**” he said, “**why did you doubt?**”*

- His Answer: Why did you DOUBT?

## Challenge:

- This week take time to identify the fears that keep you from experiencing a vibrant and active faith? Also, recognize how they keep you from this faith. (Matthew 14:26,27)
- What would it look like if you lived as a super conqueror? (Romans 8:35-38)
- How can you invite God into your journey of faith to experience a “Walk on Water” faith?