



Empowering People to Change the World

A Walk that Glorifies Christ

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Matthew 14:22-33 – A Walk That Glorifies Christ

V22 – FAVOR

Are you sent or dismissed?

- John 6:22-42 Jesus dismissed those who only wanted the miracle of food but sent those who were committed to discipleship.

V23 – PRAYER

Stay consistent in prayer. Jesus seemed to be committed to prayer even more before or after something significant happened in His ministry. We should do the same.

- Don't let small success take you away from a constant spirit of prayer.
- Mark 9: 14-29 Great work requires great prayer. This kind can only come out through prayer.

V26 – EXPECTING

Don't keep God in a boat. If you want an unusual walk with God (one that Glorifies Christ), keep your eyes open for where God might be. Believe that He could call you to ANYTHING, ANYWHERE. Don't put limitations on God.

- Look at James 4:13-15 "Whatever the Lord Wills".

V27 – HEARING

This was a turning point for Peter and it should also be a turning point for us. Once he heard Jesus' voice, his whole demeanor changed.

- John 10:3-5 "My sheep hear my voice, they will not follow another".

V28 – INITIATIVE!!!

Note that it was at this point that this became Peter's Story.

- "God, if you are not in this boat, I want to be where you are".
- James 4:2-3 You have not because you ask not.

V29 – WAITING!!!

Initiative without the confidence of God's presence and calling is foolishness.

V30-31 – FAILURE

This is where Peter becomes my hero and my example. Failing is not as bad as you think. Look at this video from "Michael Jordan", the greatest player of all time.

- Look at Success in the Middle of the failure, or the Massive amount of Faith (persistence in the middle of the Fall. 11 men in a boat < a man in a pair of sandals).

V32-33 – GLORIFYING

A walk of Faith and Dependence on Jesus may be the thing that Glorifies Jesus and transforms the folks in your boats.