

Sermon Notes

Title | reBorn to Leap Series | reBorn to Walk Text | Matthew 14:22-33, 2 Corinthians 5:7 By | Ricky Amano Date | January 26, 2025

Matthew 14:22 Immediately afterward He compelled the disciples to get into the boat and to go ahead of Him to the other side, while He sent the crowds away. 23 After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone. 24 But the boat was already a long distance from the land, battered by the waves; for the wind was contrary. 25 And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. 26 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 courage, it is I; do not be afraid." 28 Peter responded and said to Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." 29 And He said, "Come!" And Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water, and came toward Jesus. **30** But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and when he began to sink, he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" 31 Immediately Jesus reached out with His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"32 When they got into the boat, the wind stopped. 33 And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "You are truly God's Son!"

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Big Idea:

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For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Colossians 2:1-10. Why should we walk in Christ?

Tuesday:

Read Romans 12:1-2, Luke 18:9-14, Psalm 139:23, and Ephesians 4:22-24. How is the process of surrender similar to the 4 stages of home renovation: declaring need, walk-thru, demo, and new construction?

Wednesday:

Read John 15:4-5 and Galatians 5:22-25. Why must we abide (stay, remain) in Christ to bear His fruit? How difficult can it be to "stay" connected to Christ in the midst of the toughest storms and distractions of life?

Thursday:

Read Matthew 14:22-33, 2 Corinthians 5:7, and Isaiah 41:10. How was Peter able to walk on water? What was it that made him start to sink? What did Jesus do to keep Peter from sinking further?

Friday:

Read 2 Corinthians 5:7 and Isaiah 41:10 again. Take time to reflect on these questions:

- 1) Am I willing to go beyond my comfort zone in order to follow Christ? What are some comforts that I have the most difficulty surrendering to Christ?
- 2) Am I willing to go beyond my will and desires to follow Christ? What are some of the things in my will and desires that are difficult for me to surrender to Christ in order to follow Him? What does it mean to walk by faith, not by sight?

The path to walking in Christ involves deep surrender, clinging fast, and following beyond:

Surrender that leads to transformation. Clinging fast in the storms and distractions of life. Following beyond the hardest held areas of our comfort and will.

It is freeing and transformative, and it is the life of faith that God desires for us.

Daily Prayer:

Lord, I need you. I want to surrender to you all that I am and follow you. Please help me to set aside the things that keep me from staying close to you. Amen. If you would like to have the daily reflection and application emailed to you, scan the QR code or email info@moonvalleybible.org.

