

WALKING ON WATER
Applications & Lessons for us

Bible Text: Matt 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52; John 6:15-21

Here's what happened on that windy sea some 2000 years ago that can make me a more faithful person today. Read Matthew 14:22-33

4 decisions of faith: lessons we can learn from Jesus (& Peter) walking on the water:

I. Decision #1: _____!

Our boat is whatever it is that we put our _____ in that is not the Savior.
(See: John 14:12-14).

Allow God to do _____ things in our lives by stepping out on _____.

II. Decision #2: _____!

Matthew 7:13-14 tells us that the majority of people will not accept God's way.

III. Decision #3: _____!

Don't let the _____ of this world steal our faith. Matthew 6:25-34

When you begin to sink, do what Peter did, call out for _____!

IV. Decision #4: _____!

Don't take your eyes off _____.

Whatever you do, don't _____!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1. Where are the disciples and why are they there without Jesus?**
- 2. Who or what did the disciples think Jesus was when they first saw him?**
- 3. What was Peter's question to Jesus to prove himself?**
- 4. What caused Peter to take his eyes off of Jesus? What happened when he did?**
- 5. What are some "boats" that people may be in that keep them from taking steps of faith toward Jesus? What is your "boat?"**

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6. Why is it so difficult to leave the crowd behind when we need to take that step of faith? How do they influence us?
7. What person has the most impact on your life and the decisions you make? How might they be a negative or positive influence on how you follow Jesus?
8. How do we, (even us adults), allow peer pressure to influence us and keep us from taking steps of faith? How can we avoid it?
9. What things in this life distract us so that we take our eyes off of Jesus? How can we keep the distractions from affecting our faith?
10. What makes us want to give up? What can help keep us on track and headed toward our goal?

