



Matthew 14:22-36

**FEAR, DOUBTS AND FAITH**

*Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what do not see.*

(Hebrews 11:1)



# 1. Fear comes from not knowing God's presence

*'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.'*

*'Lord, if it's you,' Peter replied, 'tell me to come to you on the water.'*

*'Come,' he said.*

*Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came towards Jesus.*

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2. **Doubt and worry come from losing our focus on Jesus**

*'But when he saw the wind, he was afraid.'*

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*'... and, beginning to sink, [Peter] cried out, 'Lord, save me!'*

*Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him.'*

*'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?'*

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*'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'* (2 Corinthians 12:9)

*'I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.'* (Psalm 32:8)

*'If God is for us, who can be against us?'* (Romans 8:31)

*'how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!'* (Matthew 7:11)

