



**DEFENDERS OF THE FAITH**  
**Part 11 – Peter Walks on the Water**  
**Look to the Lord Instead of Limitations**

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**1. Storms can come from \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Matthew 14:22-24 (NIV),** <sup>22</sup>Immediately **Jesus made** the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the **other side**, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup>After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, **buffeted by the waves** because the **wind was against it.**

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**2. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ in the storm.**

**Matthew 14:25-27 (NIV),** <sup>25</sup>Shortly before dawn (**in the fourth watch**) 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.**”

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**3. Desperate times call for \_\_\_\_\_ faith.**

God uses five types of storms in our lives.

1. Correction
2. Protection
3. Direction
4. Connection
5. Perfection

**Matthew 14:28-29 (NIV),** <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.”

There are three levels of goals:

1. You know how to do it.
2. You think you can do it.
3. You don’t know how to do it, but you know you will do it.

**James 1:6-8 (NIV),** <sup>6</sup>But when you ask, **you must believe and not doubt**, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup>**That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.** <sup>8</sup>Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.”

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**Romans 8:28 (NLT),** “And we know that God causes **everything** to work together for the **good** of those who **love** God and are **called** according to **his purpose for them.**”

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**4. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ our faith on Jesus.**

**Matthew 14:30 (NIV),** <sup>30</sup>But when he **saw the wind**, he was **afraid** and, beginning to sink, cried out, **“Lord, save me!”**

**The Ol’ Country Preacher, “When you are in over your head, it doesn’t matter how deep the water is.”**

**Matthew 14:31 (NIV),** <sup>31</sup>Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of **little faith,**” he said, **“why did you doubt?”**

**Matthew 14:32-33 (NIV),** <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.”

**Tony Robbins, “Where focus goes, energy flows.”**

**1 Peter 5:7 (NLT),** “Give all your **worries** and **cares** to God, for **He cares** about you.”

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