

Jesus: The Miracle Man

“Walk by Faith”

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Matt 14:22-33

22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. 23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. 25 During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. 27 But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." 28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." 29 "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" 32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

I John 4:18a

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear...

I. JESUS CHRIST CAN DO ANYTHING

v. 25 During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.

- He is Omnipotent: has Unlimited Power
- He is Omniscient: has Complete Knowledge
- He is Omnipresent: is Present Everywhere

2. THROUGH CHRIST, WE CAN DO ANYTHING
v. 28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." 29 "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

Matt 19:26

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

3. WHEN WE FAIL, CHRIST IS THERE TO CATCH US

v. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him.

CONCLUSION:

John 12:37; 43-43

37 Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. 42 Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved praise from men more than praise from God.

Where does FEAR need to be replaced by FAITH in your life?

Where does FEAR need to be replaced by FAITH in our church?

Matt 28:18-20

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."