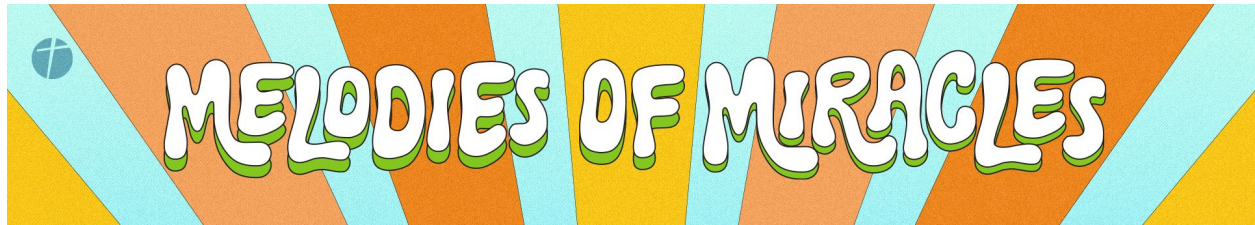


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Melodies of Miracles - Week 2 “Stepping Toward Courageous Faith”

Mark 6:45-52 NIV

Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.

⁴⁷ Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. ⁴⁸ He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, ⁵⁰ because they all saw him and were terrified.

Immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” ⁵¹ Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, ⁵² for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.

- Children’s Jesus Truth:
Jesus is fully God and fully man.

1.) Jesus knew his identity and His purpose.

John 6:15 NIV

Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

Matthew 3:17 NIV

And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

- Courageous faith is built when you remember your purpose and identity is anchored in Jesus.

2.) Jesus prioritized time in the quiet with the Father.

- Courageous faith is built when we minimize distractions and prioritize quiet time with God.

3.) Jesus' perspective allowed Him to see over the waves.

Job 9:8 NIV

*He alone stretches out the heavens
and treads on the waves of the sea.*

- Just because it's difficult doesn't mean God didn't call you to it.
- Courageous faith is built when we realize the power is in receiving, not rowing.

John 6:21 NIV

But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." ²¹ Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.