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Text: [John 6:15-21](#)

INTRODUCTION

Background Context:

- The disciples had just witnessed Jesus feed the 5,000 ([John 6:1-14](#)).
- They not only observed the miracle — they participated in it.
- Jesus satisfies our deepest hunger — and He also meets us in our deepest despair.

I. THE MISERY OF THE STORM ([John 6:16-19a](#))

The disciples were unknowingly sailing into a storm.

Storms in life:

- Come swiftly
- Come suddenly
- Often follow great blessings

Do not equate an easy life with a joyful life.

A. IN OUR LORD'S PLAN

- Jesus sent them into the storm ([Matthew 14:22](#)).
- The trip was short (approx. 5 miles across the Sea of Galilee).
- They were confident and experienced fishermen.

Reasons Jesus Sent Them Into the Storm:

1. To Save Them from a Greater Danger

- The crowd wanted to make Jesus king ([John 6:15](#)).
- The disciples could have been swept up in the excitement.
- Sometimes God sends storms to protect us from worldliness.

2. To Prepare Them for Greater Storms Ahead

- They would face persecution and martyrdom.
- Storms strengthen us.
- Illustration: "I walked a mile with pleasure... I walked a mile with sorrow..."

3. To Give Them Greater Revelation of Christ and Understanding of the Power of the Son of God

- They would never have seen Jesus walking on water otherwise.
- They were in the storm — but also in His will.

B. THEY WERE IN HIS PRAYERS

- Jesus went to the mountain to pray ([Matthew 14:23](#)).
- While they were on the sea, He was interceding.
- He never forgets to pray for His own.

II. THE MESSIAH ON THE SEA ([John 6:19b-21](#))

- They were "toiling and rowing" ([Mark 6:48](#)).
- Fourth watch of the night (3–6 AM).
- In the middle of the sea (approx. 9 miles across).

Jesus delayed — but He had them in His sight and in His prayers.

They forgot the meaning of the miracle of the loaves ([Mark 6:51-52](#)).

A. THE SUPREMACY OF JESUS CHRIST

- Jesus came walking on the water.
- The waves over their heads were under His feet.
- He is Lord of creation.

When storms rage:

- Remember who is in control.

[Psalm 46:1-3](#)

B. THE SAVIOR'S SYMPATHY ([John 6:20](#))

- "It is I; be not afraid."
- The presence of Christ is the source of courage.
- Our best efforts are no match for life's storms.

III. THE MAN ON THE SHIP ([Matthew 14:28-32](#))

John does not record Peter walking on water, but Matthew does.

3 Things to See about Peter

A. HIS DESIRE ([Matthew 14:28](#))

- "Lord, if it be Thou..." ("Since it is Thou...")
- Peter desired to be where Jesus was.

Lessons:

- You must leave your comfort zone.
- Only one left the boat.
- To walk on water, you must step out.
- What "boat" do you need to leave?

B. HIS DEFEAT ([Matthew 14:30](#))

- He saw the wind and was afraid.
- He took his eyes off Jesus.

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Faith looks at circumstances through God.

Defeat that leaves you humble is better than victory that leaves you proud.

C. HIS DELIVERANCE

- "Lord, save me."
- Immediate rescue.
- The shortest prayer — but effective.

CONCLUSION

*"The **will** of God will not take you where the **grace** of God cannot keep you."*

"When you hear God's voice, it's time to jump! Jesus has His arms wide open."