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“Thriving, not just surviving”
Matthew 14:22-23
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The Story

Jesus forced the disciples into the boat (14:22).
Jesus needed time alone with the Father (14:23).
Storms will come (14:24).
Jesus comes to us in the storm (14:25-26).
Jesus offers comfort (14:27).
Jesus calls Peter to get out of the boat (14:28-29).
Peter sinks when he takes his eyes off Jesus (14:30).
Jesus saves Peter (14:31).
When Jesus got into the boat, the storms ceased (14:32).
They worshipped Jesus (14:33).

Principles from the Boat

1. _____ requires preparation.

 2. Peace comes from the presence of _____, not from the absence of _____.

 3. You can choose _____ or _____, but you can't choose _____.

 4. To step toward your place of _____, you must step away from your place of _____.

 5. Everything that is new and effective is met with _____.
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“Immediately He made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. After dismissing the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone. But the boat was already over a mile from land, battered by the waves, because the wind was against them. Around three in the morning, He came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost!” they said, and cried out in fear. Immediately Jesus spoke to them. *“Have courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”* “Lord, if it’s You,” Peter answered Him, “command me to come to You on the water.” *“Come!”* He said. And climbing out of the boat, Peter started walking on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the strength of the wind, he was afraid. And beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus reached out his hand, caught hold of him, and said to him, *“You of little faith, why did you doubt?”* When they got back into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those in the boat worshiped Him and said, “Truly You are the Son of God!” (Matthew 14:22-33)

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