

Hylke Hylkema Walking on Storms Matthew 14:22-33 February 10, 2019

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Act I – Christology: Jesus is I AM (vv. 22-27)

- ²⁷ "....Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."
- "Take courage" <u>confidence</u> and firmness of purpose in the face of testing
- 2. It is I = <u>I AM</u>

3. Fear Not – see Isaiah 43:1-3a

Act II – Christology: Our Response to I AM (vv. 28-33)

Our **<u>discipleship</u>** is always linked to our <u>**Christology**</u>

The Nature of Faith

- Where do you place your **<u>confidence</u>**?

- Where do you find your **<u>courage</u>** to follow?

Now What?

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Week of February 10, 2019



Share It Get to know one another

What is the scariest or worst weather you have ever experienced?



Study the Word Learning to know God from the Bible

Read Matthew 14:22-33. Consider the following questions: What happened just prior to this story? (14:14-21) How did people respond to these miracles? (John 6:14-15) What did Jesus do in response to the crowd? (John 6:15; Matthew 14:22)

What clues in the story (14:22-33) indicate that Jesus was intending to teach the disciples something? What might have been that "something?"

The disciples saw many miracles that day. What was their initial response to seeing Jesus on the lake? Why might that be? How was this miracle different?

What response did Jesus want from the disciples? (See also Matthew 6:30) What was their final response? What changed?

Which of Jesus's words in this passage are significant to you? How is this about discipleship? How can this story help you in life?



Discuss Together Discuss how God can change our lives

What do we learn about Jesus from His actions and responses to the disciples (including Peter)?

Why is His identity and character so important to living by faith in Him?

What caused Peter to doubt during his water walk? How is this like us?

On Sunday, we were asked, "When fear or anxiety grips your heart, where do you place your confidence?" What can we learn from this passage about how to respond to fear?



Time to Pray

Praying with and for one another helps us trust in God together. Please pray . . .

- For people going through difficult or fearful challenges
- Share about and pray for people in your world on your prayer list
- Pray for our Women's Ministries



Apply It This Week A challenge to apply what we are learning

Share with someone Jesus's words, "Take Courage – it is I. Don't be afraid."