

“Water Walking Faith”

*Scripture: And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. **Matthew 17:20***

Do you have the faith to pray for a cold, or even for a headache to be healed? We might say we can pray for these small things, no problem; it should only take small mustard seed type faith to do these simple things. Jesus stated that with faith no larger than an individual seed, we are able to move mountains. Surely your faith in Jesus Christ is bigger than an individual mustard seed? Wouldn't you agree? Therefore you can and should be able to move mountains. You might have never tried, and you may not need to, but you can relieve an aching head or a nagging cold for your child, right? However, God wants you to have more. We are talking about Water Walking Faith. How much faith do you believe the Apostle Peter had when he stepped out on the sea that stormy night? Did he have a mango size seed of faith? The verses from Matthew 14: 26-31 reveal to us how Peter was able to walk on water like Jesus. Peter, like the other disciples in the boat, saw Jesus on the water and he too was afraid. Peter didn't get out of the boat until he could be sure it was the Lord. What a lesson to learn. No matter how bad it may seem, we should be like a good deck hand and not leave the boat until we know the captain (Jesus) gives us direct orders. When you don't listen to the captain, that's when you navigate a course of destruction (sinking). We must not forget that Peter was a fisherman who spent a considerable amount of his time in boats catching fish on this same sea. Therefore he knew that no one could walk on water, well except Jesus. Notwithstanding this knowledge, Peter "tested the waters" and asked the Lord to call Him out of the boat. It was a test by Peter, but also a test for Peter. Peter would now have to put his money where his mouth was by displaying faith to get out of the comforts of the boat. Peter knew that he couldn't walk on water, but he was willing to try. Don't judge others who take risks, at least they got out of the boat. Nowhere else do we find that the other disciples wanted to get out and try it. Sometimes the reason why we might have not seen the mountains move, the relief of the headache or the cold, or anything else could be because we have never stepped out on His Word. Jesus said to Peter, COME! Peter stepped out on that Word. He began to walk on the water. Once Peter heard that word, 'COME,' he was walking on the sea. The winds were always there. The storm didn't start after Peter stepped out of the boat. However, once Peter's eyes were on Jesus, these things were insignificant, and he was above the elements defined by human logic. Peter did not sink until he started to "look at" other things (taking them into consideration). My prayer for you is that you will keep your eyes on Jesus and not be distracted by the surrounding elements that will cause you to doubt the Word of God. O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? What a powerful statement! **O THOU OF LITTLE FAITH.** Really? A little faith is a water walking Faith!!

Prayer: Father, please help me not to get distracted and focus on the 'boisterous' things around me. Help me to keep my eyes focused on you. Give me water-walking faith. In Jesus Name, Amen!

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