

REMEMBER GOD'S PROMISES

Matthew 14: 22-33 (see complete scripture following handout)

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"All my promises are Yes and Amen." See 2 Corinthians 1: 20

I. TO STAY IN FAITH WE NEED TO REMEMBER WHAT GOD SAID

"Delight in the Lord, and He will give you the secret petitions (desires) of your heart."

"Beloved, don't think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you..." I Peter 4: 12

"Jesus said to her (Martha), Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" John 11: 40

Job said, "I know my redeemer lives." See Job 19: 25f

II. GO BY WHAT GOD SAID AND NOT BY WHAT YOU SEE.

The angels said to the women, "Why do you look for the living among the dead. He is not here, but He is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified and the third day rise again.' And they remembered His words." Luke 24: 5b-8

Jesus said to them, "Be of good cheer, it is I, do not be afraid. And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water to Jesus. But when he saw the wind and the waves he began to sink. Immediately Jesus reached out and pulled Peter up and said, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt." Matt. 14: 27b-31

Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSV) ~ Jesus Walks on the Water

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land,^[a] for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind,^[b] he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”