



Summer Quarter 2021 Theme:
 Confident Hope
Unit I: Jesus Teaches About Faith

Lesson Titles:
An Amazing Feat
 (Faith Pathway Bible Studies)
Why Do You Doubt?
 (Townsend Press Sunday School
 Commentary)

LESSON 4—June 27, 2021

DEVOTIONAL READING:

Isaiah 38:16-20

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 14:22-33

PRINT PASSAGE:

Matthew 14:22-33

Key Verse(s):

Immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? (Matthew 14:31, KJV)

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Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" (Matthew 14:31, NIV)

► Questions to Consider:

1. What did Jesus do after He instructed His disciples to go to the other side?
2. What happened to Peter when he took his eyes off Jesus?
3. What did the disciples do when Jesus and Peter entered the boat?

► Lesson Context:

- The disciples, along with many other people, had seen Jesus do many great miracles. However, as recorded by Matthew, none of the disciples had recognized the Lordship of Jesus.
- The second recorded occasion of Jesus' rescuing His disciples from a potential boating storm disaster on the Sea of Galilee is presented in this week's lesson.
- This storm that the disciples encountered in this lesson had the purpose of displaying Jesus' glory as the Son of God.
- Jesus' walking on water in Matthew 14 and calming the storm in Matthew 8 illustrate the power of God over His creation.

► Lesson Aims:

As a result of experiencing this lesson, the participants should be able to do these things:

- Recall the amazing story of the storm at sea followed by Jesus' appearance walking on the water. Repent of your failure to trust in God when caught up in a crisis.
- Develop habits of trust that enable you to overcome your doubt about God's care.

► Lesson Outlines/Key Points:

I. **Disaster Comes (Matthew 14:22-24)**

Key Point 1: Jesus sends the crowd away and retreats to a place to pray.

Key Point 2: The disciples found themselves in the midst of a storm.

II. **Divinity Comes (Matthew 14:25-30)**

Key Point 1: Jesus calms and reassures the Disciples.

Key Point 2: Peter walked on the water, trusting in Jesus.

III. **Doubt Comes (Matthew 14:31-33)**

Key Point 1: Jesus rescues Peter in the midst of the storm.

Key Point 2: Peter got to see and experience the power of Jesus as he walked in the storm.

► **Lesson Summary:**

- Jesus wants us to have absolute **trust** in Him.
- Jesus does not always rescue us from the storm, but by faith He can keep us through the storm.
- When we face challenges in life, we must remember that God is always near.

What Do You Think? (These questions are found in this week's Faith Pathway student book.)

1. Have you ever had a "storm" to appear in your life just after having a miraculous experience with Jesus? Share.

2. Sometimes, we do not recognize the Lord when He shows up to bless us. Share a time when you initially questioned or rejected what turned out to be a blessing in disguise.

3. When doubt hits (and it does and will), what do/will you do?

As a result of this lesson, I will do the following:
