



Lesson 4

June 27, 2021

An Amazing Feat

Matthew 14:22-23

For many people, including some Christians, it is “freak out” time when a crisis looms. This is the case in today’s Bible lesson. The disciples were terrified when a storm came. In fear, they cried out to Jesus to save them. In today’s contemporary scenario, Reggie decided that instead of panicking when he is faced with another crisis, he will draw on spiritual habits of trust that will enable him to overcome doubt about God’s care of him.

Reggie, who is an ordained minister, and the first man of color to be elected as president of a national banking chain in his town, allowed fear to overwhelm and spiritually paralyze him. Reggie’s “storm” occurred when a co-worker accused him of stealing. Reggie knew that the accusation was not true; however, if the claim held up, he would lose his job and his good name, and be branded a thief. When faced with this storm, instead of trusting Jesus to handle the situation, Reggie initially freaked out!

Then, Reggie turned to God. God reminded Reggie to hold on to his faith and in His power, he would deliver him. Later, it was determined that the co-worker lied. When Reggie learned that he had been vindicated, he privately repented of his failure—not trusting in God when he got caught up in a crisis. Reggie recognized that there is no crisis that God is unable to raise him high above. During that crisis, Reggie felt God grabbing his hand, holding it firmly, and leading him out of the storm. There was never a moment, Reggie recalls, that God was not there. That day, Jesus became more real to Reggie than ever before! Reggie went on a thirty-day prayer journey to deepen his trust in God. Reggie also asked God to help him develop spiritual habits to build his faith so that he will never doubt God’s care in his life.

Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss lessons that you have learned about trusting in the power of God.
2. Share a time when you acknowledged that only Jesus can do what no one else can.
3. What habits do you need to build that will help you trust God more deeply?