

THE DUST OF THE RABBI

Live Boldly

Matthew 14:22-33

What Keeps Us In the Boat?

Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home. After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone.

(1) Our attempt to control.

*Meanwhile, the disciples were **in trouble far away from land**... (Matthew 14:24, NLT)*

Water Walking Principal: I can either hold His hand or hold onto the reins.

(2) Our attraction to comfort.

*Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a **strong wind** had risen, and they were fighting **heavy waves**. (Matthew 14:24, NLT)*

Water Walking Principal: The greatest enemy to your calling is your comfort!

(3) Our acquiescence to fear.

*About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were **terrified**. (Matthew 14:25–26, NLT)*

Water Walking Principal: The fear that threatens to be over your head is under Jesus' feet!

(4) Our addiction to stinkin thinkin.

*In their fear, they cried out, "It's a **ghost!**" (Matthew 14:25–26, NLT)*

Water Walking Principal: As long as you tell yourself you can't - you won't!

What Gets Us Out Of The Boat?

But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!" (Matthew 14:27, NLT)

(1) Get a word from Jesus.

*Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, **tell me to come to you**, walking on the water." "Yes, come," Jesus said. (Matthew 14:28–29, NLT)*

(2) Go all in with Jesus.

*So Peter **went over the side of the boat** and walked on the water toward Jesus. (Matthew 14:29, NLT)*

Something does not give itself fully to you until you fully give yourself to it.

(3) Grab on to Jesus.

*But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, **cried out**, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. (Matthew 14:30–31, NIV)*

There are people in your life waiting for you to get out of the boat.