



# The Trust Factor: Depending on God

## Trust the Water Walker

### Matthew 14:22-32

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**Big Idea:** Learn to **trust** Jesus in the storm, look for Jesus when he comes, be courageous toward his call, count on his strength, and see the pitfalls of trying out divided trust.

Two Principles to carry with you into every scripture reading with Jesus:

1. **Context** always helps us understand the **content**.
2. Jesus is always teaching.
  - Go where I go.
  - Know what I know.
  - Care about what I care about and do what I do.

- 1) JESUS sends them into this time of turmoil!
- 2) But, this whole season is pushing them hard.
- 3) "Take heart, it is I, do not be afraid."
- 4) Trust is more than knowledge, it is active.

#### So what do WE do with this encounter?

- ◆ In the storm, trust that Jesus will come to you, even if he sent you there. Our faith is forged by trusting Jesus in trials. It cannot be forged in ideas; it is forged in fire.
- ◆ When Jesus calls, step out and resist turning back to where you were. Let him invite you into a new future. Don't try to walk in two directions at once. Trust and follow Jesus.
- ◆ When you start to sink, cry out, "Lord Save me!"

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#### Keep digging materials:

- Check out Jesus' use of I am in Matthew 14:22. Try Googling Jesus' use of the Divine Name "I am" in Scripture. For example, ['I Am Who I Am' | Desiring God](#) or [Unveiling The Theological Significance Of Jesus' "I Am" Sayings In The New Testament \(2024\) \(thewitness.org\)](#)
- Look into the ancient Near East understanding of the chaos of the sea, often referred to as the "*Yam*." Now compare that with the images of God and water and Genesis 3:1. Job 9:8, and Psalm 77:19. Now re-read Jesus walking on the water in Matthew 8 and 14.
- Read the parallel passages Mark 6:45-52, John 6:16-21. Look for new details in these disciples' encounters.