

"But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, Tossed With Waves: for the wind was contrary. And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, 'It is a spirit;' and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, 'Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.' And Peter answered Him and said, 'Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.' And He said, 'Come.' And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, 'Lord, save me.' And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, 'O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?' And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased." Matthew 14:24-32 KJV



We must remember the Sea of Galilee was stormy. Christ was probably obscured by the waves from time to time, and was probably in close proximity to the ship when He was seen by the disciples. I don't believe Peter looked away from Christ as much as the stormy sea blocked his view. It was at that time, he *"he saw the wind boisterous, [and] was afraid,"* because he failed to remember the One who bid him, *"Come!"* when the waves blocked his view!

It is so with us when the winds of circumstances whip our emotions into frothing angry waves! We fail to remember the One who bid us *"Come!"* in the first place! Faith is not sight! *"For we walk by faith, not by sight."* We start SEEING the winds and waves of circumstances and emotions, and forget we are walking on water! We forget the absolute Truth of God's Word as the Sea of Life storms about us! *"Little Faith"* is forgetful faith! BUT...when we FEEL overwhelmed, we must always follow Peter's example when he cried out *"Lord save me!"* because Jesus saves! *"And IMMEDIATELY Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him,"* at once rebuking him, *"O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?"* Doubt is born of unbelief, forgetful faith!

You must believe and never doubt,
When storms of life toss you about,
Remember, Truth is absolute,
No matter the path you pursue. -CGP

When we allow Christ/The Word of Truth to come into our ship, His Word in our thoughts will command the storms of life. *"Thou wilt keep him in PERFECT PEACE, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he TRUSTETH in Thee."* If we believe by faith we, too, may walk on water in spite of the storm! If Peter had NO faith, he would never have cried, *"Lord, save me!"* He would have tried to swim back to the ship. Are you trying to swim in the storm? Faith in God's Word is your salvation in every storm! Obedience is the evidence of faith, and faith is the evidence of the UNSEEN God!

"Trust in the LORD with ALL thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In ALL thy ways acknowledge Him (Truth), and He shall direct thy paths (thoughts)." Proverbs 3:5-6 KJV