

*"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?" Matthew 14:29-31 KJV*



Newly found faith is readily practiced, but faith will atrophy unless refreshed daily by reading and meditating on God's Word. If you did not eat, but tried to keep living on will-power alone, you would die! God's Word is the food of the soul. Without it you are unprotected, blind, and dying! This life is but a vapor, The next is eternal. You will either spend it with God or without Him: your choice! Hell is everything Heaven is not! Heaven is what it is, because of the presence of God. Hell is what it is, because of the absence of God. *"In Thy presence is fulness of joy and at Thy right hand are pleasures (fun) for evermore!"* The boisterous world will distract and frighten us if we take our eyes off of the Saviour. It is important to remember that the only thing that stands between you and the burning deep is your faith. You must keep your faith strong else perdition will take you. *"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things NOT SEEN. Faith cometh by...the Word of God."* The sea has to do the Master's bidding, and if He bids it support you it will. If I find myself sinking I need only cry out, *"Lord save me!"* His hand is ever ready and willing to reach out to us. He is our Saviour from past and present peril, *"for He shall save His people from their sins."* We are sealed with the Spirit until the Day of the Lord, but rescue from sin will be a progressive process until we are finally changed and caught up to be forever with the Lord. *"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we (believers) shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith!"* Faith obeys. Unbelief does not.

The worldly waves will hold no dread,  
When on their surface we do tread,  
If we but walk by faith instead  
Of watching storms that turn our head. ~CGP

When the Master says, *"Come,"* and we obey, our faith is displayed. When we step outside of the trust we have placed in temporal premises, and begin to trust in eternal promises, we enter the world of the supernatural. We begin to *"walk on the water,"* and accomplish things that are impossible without faith. The wonderful truth is that as long as we walk the sea by His side, grasping firmly to His hand, there is nothing we cannot accomplish. Faith in God moves mountains, conquers giants, and renders the raging sea harmless. Since this is true, why are we satisfied with just a *"little faith?"*

*"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:1-2 KJV*