

# Deep Water

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic  
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During trials and difficulties, we find ourselves troubled, anxious, and scared. We cannot remain quiet or still especially when God does not seem to answer our prayers. However, we need to trust that God is always with us because He works for good for those who trust Him. Thus, whenever we are in deep water or passing through the waters of sorrow and fear, let us reach out to God. When trouble overtakes us, let God take over.

## Mark 6: 45-54: Jesus walks on Water

God sent the disciples on a boat to the other side toward Bethsaida. He had something else for them to do.

### 1. Why did the Lord let them go by themselves?

- 1.1. Jesus wanted to spend time alone with His Father. He knew that He would be a victim of persecution and death. Hence, He wanted to seek His Father in prayer, the source of power. Similarly, let us rise and seek our Father early in the morning and His help in every turn of our daily life.
- 1.2. He wanted His disciples to be away, so that they would not be corrupted. Jesus wanted them away from the people who followed Him only for physical and temporal food, rather than for the Lord's word. Those who come thirsty for God's word are delighted to hear His words and are blessed (Ps. 1: 1-3). True believers follow Jesus because they know He is the truth.
- 1.3. Jesus used the storm to reveal His deity and power to His disciples one more time. While there are many storms that are part of human existence, this was an example of turning a trial to victory.
- 1.4. Jesus has a purpose. He wants everyone to be victorious. If we know that God is in control, then we know that everything will work for our good. The end of the storm will be beautiful, and eternal glory will outweigh the troubles.

2. **How far did He see them?** They thought the Lord would not be able to help them as He was far away in the mountain to pray.

- 2.1. Jesus saw the disciples having difficulty in the waters. They were in unbelievable stress, with the wind battering them, but the Lord's eyes were still with them. He was in prayer for them.
- 2.2. Jesus took an active participation in their rescue. He spoke to them: "Take courage, it is I" (Matt. 14: 27).
- 2.3. Jesus is the answer to our prayers, especially those who are burdened. Bring Him impossible situations, and He will intercede for us (1Ptr.5:7, Jn. 17, Rom. 8:24, Heb. 9:25-28). Every promise of God will be fulfilled depending on our faith (Rom. 4).

### 3. What does leaving the boat mean?

- 3.1. Peter obeyed Jesus' call to walk on the water (Matt. 14:29-33).
- 3.2. We have to get out of the "boat" (our comfort zones) if we want to walk on the water. Will we give up huge amounts of money, relationships, fame, among others to walk with Jesus?
- 3.3. If we want to be close to Jesus, let us not take our eyes away from Him and His teachings.

### Conclusion:

Let us recognize Jesus in the middle of our storms. Let us bring our storms to Him. If we keep our eyes and trust in Him, we will have peace.

**Reflection:** What kind of storm are you in today? Is the storm about to be over? Or has the storm come back? How will you handle yourself during this storm?

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