

WALKING OR SINKING?

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Big Deal: Jesus, the man who walked on water through a storm to pull Peter out of the Galilean Sea is the same Jesus who will walk on or through anything to reach out his hand to save us in our storm.

Then Peter called to him: “Sir, if it is really you, tell me to come over to you, walking on the water.” All right, the Lord said, “come along!” So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he looked around at the high waves, he was terrified and began to sink. “Save me, Lord!” he shouted. Instantly Jesus reached out his hand and rescued him. “O man of little faith,” Jesus said. “Why did you doubt me?” **Matthew 14:28-31**

1. Jesus in human form **Walked on the water.** (Matthew 14:26)
2. Amidst the storm Jesus **Walked into the storm and toward his disciples.** (Matthew 14:25)
3. In the middle of the storm our **Focus** needs to be on Jesus. (Hebrews 12:2)

A few things we can learn from Peter:

- Faith got him out of the boat.
- Faith enabled him to walk on the water.
- Taking his eyes off Jesus during the storm caused him to sink.
- Loss of focus caused his faith to be lost in the storm
- When he realized he was sinking he called out to Jesus for help.
- Peter learned to keep his eyes on Jesus and not the storm
- Peter realized Jesus could not only walk on water but tame the wind and waves.