

Jesus Is Reaching For You

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 14:30-31).

After Jesus had fed the 5,000, He constrained His disciples to get into a ship, and go to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

All the disciples were in a ship, which we would call, fellowship. You get twelve men in a boat today, you must have fellowship and cooperation, or the boat will sink.

We have a lot of sinking boats today, because of no fellowship among the brethren.

In the midst of the sea, a storm hit. The wind began to blow, the waves began to toss, and the ship began to rock. Fear struck the hearts of the disciples. They had tried fellowship without Jesus.

Fellowship without Jesus, always produces fear and confusion.

Sometimes we are so busy rocking the boat, we forget about Jesus.

Sometimes we are so busy yelling at our brother in times of trouble, we forget about Jesus.

They were so occupied with the desire to stay afloat; they forgot about Jesus.

I believe Jesus wanted the disciples to experience a lesson, that's why He missed the boat.

Jesus began to walk on the water to where the disciples were being tossed about.

When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water, they cried out in fear, "It is a spirit." Dipping out water and trying to stay afloat was enough. Fighting the wind and the waves was enough; but alas, here comes a spirit walking on the water. What could get worse? Now their fears were really

increased.

They were so busy trying to stay afloat, they didn't recognize Jesus. Sometimes we can be so busy about the Masters business, we fail to recognize Jesus.

Jesus answered them and said, "Be of good cheer, it is I, be not afraid." Words of comfort in a storm. In the original Greek, Jesus said, "I AM," not "It is I." Jesus took upon Himself the name of deity.

When the storms hits my life, I want deity there to help me. I want the Almighty hand of God.

Peter cried, "Lord, if it be thou, bid me to come to thee on the water." The Lord said, "Come." Peter began climbing down from the ship onto the water. He forgot about the wind, the water, and the storm; he had faith in the word, "Come." Peter began to walk on water.

This was a walk of faith. Evil may surround us, the storms of life may engulf us, but Jesus said, "Come."

Peter began to take his eyes off of Jesus. He looked at the waves and became fearful.. His faith in the word, "Come," had vanished. He began to sink.

Peter cried the shortest prayer in the New Testament, "Lord save me." If Peter was like the Pharisees in their long prayers, he would have been gulping water.

Sometimes disaster happens so quick, we don't have time for long prayers. "Lord save me," will get the job done. There are many people today, sinking in the waters of sin. Their prayer should be, "Lord save me."

Immediately, Jesus stretched forth His hand and caught him, and said unto him, "O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?"

My friend, Jesus is reaching for you today. You may be sinking in sin. If you would but cry to Jesus, "Lord save me;" He will reach for you and save you.

Yes, Jesus is reaching for you today.

Peter did not say, "That's O.K., Lord, I can make it on my own." He did not reject the hand of the Lord; he was glad for the hand of the Lord. It was only the hand of the Lord that saved him.

Friend, today, do not reject the hand of the Lord.

Do not turn Him away.

You cannot make it on your own.
You are no match for the waters of sin.
Jesus is reaching for you today.
Take hold of the nail-pierced hand of Christ.
Peter began to sink because he took his eyes off of Jesus.
He began to sink because he doubted he would make it.

Doubting God's Word, will always cause you to fail. Why do we doubt the Word of God?

Why do we doubt His promises?

Why do we doubt that we can live a life victorious over sin?

Walk this walk of faith, friend, keep your eyes on Jesus, and not on the circumstances around you. If you fail, you have Jesus there to help you and lift you up.

Who can condemn Peter? He did walk on water.

I may not walk on water today, but I can walk all over the devil. God has given us shoes of iron to tromp him to pieces, in Jesus Name.

Thank God today, the hand of Jesus is always there for help, comfort, strength, and hope.

What would I do today without the outstretched hand of the Lord?

Jesus is reaching for you.

You may not have another chance.

You may not have another opportunity.

You may not have another life raft.

You may not have another helping hand.

The hand of Jesus today, can save you from death, and give you life eternal.

Reach out and grasp that hand of the Lord today.

Jesus is now reaching for you.