

Discussion and Reflection Questions Into The Light: Faith - 18th of January 2026

Read: Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Questions

1. Jesus sends the disciples out on the boat by themselves. Have you ever felt the absence of God or Jesus in your life?
2. Why do you think the disciples were afraid?
3. What is the impact of who Jesus is? What helped or helps you recognise who Jesus is?
4. What does Peter walking on water, then beginning to sink & then Jesus saving him teach us about faith?
5. How do you understand or describe faith?
6. Why does Matthew conclude the story with worship (v.33)? Is worship the true outcome of this miracle or is it water-walking?
7. How does this passage help us to have faith & be brave for the benefit of others?

Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, who calls your people out of darkness into your marvellous light: grant us such faith in your Son Jesus Christ, that, attentive to your voice and trusting in your presence, we may courageously step into the future you prepare for us; pioneering new things with imagination and hope, and being brave for the benefit of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.