

Doubt and Fear

Step Away from Fear – Embrace FAITH

FAITH – believing in what you cannot see or prove to be true

- Do you have **FAITH** that when you face a fearful situation, God can help you!
- It's not just **YOU** who has weak faith when you're really **FEARFUL** of something – we all do!
- **FAITH** is a long road – it's not a single step. The true test of faith will come when you are **TIRED, UNCERTAIN, AND SCARED**



The Faith of Peter

Immediately He made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. After dismissing the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone. But the boat was already over a mile from land, battered by the waves, because the wind was against them. Around three in the morning, He came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified. "It's a ghost!" they said, and cried out in fear. Immediately Jesus spoke to them. "Have courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." Matthew 14:22-27 (HCSB)

- **TERROR** fills our mind when the arrival of the **UNKNOWN IS PRESENT** – "It's a ghost!"

"Lord, if it's You," Peter answered Him, "command me to come to You on the water." "Come!" He said. And climbing out of the boat, Peter started walking on the water and came toward Jesus. Matthew 14:28-29 (HCSB)

- Peter's **FAITH**, in the power of Jesus, overshadowed his fear!
 - Faith is something that you acquire throughout your life...
 - as **YOU** see God at work,
 - as **YOU** experience Him in your life,
 - and **YOU** see the amazing things He does

But when he saw the strength of the wind, he was afraid. And beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out His hand, caught hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" Matthew 14:30-31 (HCSB)

- When you lose your **FAITH**, your focus, you will begin to fall again and **FEAR** will take over!
 - When you can forget about all the trouble or bad things going on around you, or when things are going really well, it's easy to have faith that Jesus can get us through. But as soon as you take your eyes off Jesus and start looking around and thinking of all the bad things that can happen, your faith wavers.

What is needed for your faith?

- You need to take a step of faith, and then **KEEP OUR EYES ON JESUS**
- Remember **FAITH** is a long road – it's not a single step.
- Don't let the chaos and **TERROR** going on around you distract you from the power He offers you