

LEVEL UP

Part 4: Our Faith

FAITH IS VITAL TO OUR LIFE WITH GOD

- Faith: Confident of what we expect, convinced of what we do not see.
 1. Faith is how we start in this Christian life
 2. Faith is how we live this Christian life
- Our faith can steady us in difficult times **(1 Thessalonians 3:2-3 NKJ)**
 1. Establish - to fix firmly, a stronger position
 2. Encourage - coming along side to help
 3. The end result is we are not shaken - disturbed and breaking down

PETER'S WALK OF FAITH (Matthew 14:22-33 NKJ)

- The disciples were in a difficult situation - a literal storm
 1. Add to that the fear of seeing someone walking on the water toward them
 2. Jesus' words were designed to alleviate their fears
- Peter's steps of faith
 1. He did not get out of the boat until Jesus spoke
- Peter lost his focus
 1. He went from looking at Jesus to noticing his surroundings
 2. What Peter saw caused fear - and caused him to sink
- Jesus did not lose Peter
 1. He reacted immediately - not after Peter went under a few times
 2. His response to Peter was revealing

LEVEL UP YOUR FAITH

- Know that we'll always have stuff to deal with (so we are not surprised)
 1. Even the disciples and Jesus had to deal with storms
 2. This is not heaven - on some level we'll have storms and challenges **(John 16:33 NKJ)**
- Add fuel to your faith not your fear
 1. Whatever you feed gets stronger
 2. You feed where you focus
 3. Focus on God's word and faith gets stronger **(Acts 20:32 NKJ)**
- Your faith in God will enable you to overcome the challenges you face
 1. Peter did walk on the water - a supernatural overcoming the laws of gravity
 2. We can't control all the factors around us **(Jeremiah 17:7-8 NKJ)**
 3. The key is we level up our faith in God, His Son and His Word in our lives