

WATER WALKING LESSONS

THINGS WE CAN LEARN FROM PETER'S GREAT ADVENTURE (*Matthew 14:23-33 NKJV*)

- Jesus did not want His disciples afraid
 1. Fear of ghosts did not seem to a big thing
 2. Jesus cared for His disciples - and He still does today (*Hebrews 13:8 NKJV*)
 3. Knowing His will for us gives us the basis to resist fear in our lives (*John 14:27 NKJV*)
- Peter moved on the Lord's command
 1. He did not step out of the boat until he had the Lord's word
 2. Today this same principle applies to us: Acting on God's written word (*Romans 10:8-10 NKJV*)
 3. Today this same principle applies to us: Acting on the word the Holy Spirit speaks to our heart.
- Losing focus caused Peter to sink
 1. He was walking on the water
 2. He began looking at the wind
 3. Fear had an effect on Peter - started a process of decline
 4. What we look at can cause faith or fear in us (*Proverbs 4:20-22 NKJV*)
- Jesus immediately saved Peter
 1. He did not let Peter go down a few times to "teach him a lesson"
 2. His lessons were administered by His word not by punishment
 3. Jesus was not disgusted with Peter
 4. We have a greater capacity than we have realized (*2 Timothy 1:5-7 NKJV*)