



Last week we studied the calling of Peter, and this week we will look at one of Peter's greatest acts of trusting Jesus. Hours before this story takes place the disciples watched Jesus feed thousands of people with five loaves of bread and two fish. After this miraculous feeding, Jesus instructs the disciples to meet Him on the other side of the lake. The disciples act in obedience, and it leads them right into a treacherous storm. It is in the middle of this storm on of the Sea of Galilee that Jesus comes to them, walking on water. It seems that Jesus is breaking the laws of nature to care for His disciples. In fact, we learn in this story that Jesus truly is the Lord of creation. But since we are studying Peter, let's explore his bravery in following Jesus by walking on water.

1. Neal shared about the catastrophic destruction that Hurricane Katrina caused in the Gulf Coast back in 2005. Share about a time in your life when you were in a literal or figurative storm that caused you to trust God.
2. **Read Matthew 14:22-24.** The disciples obeyed when Jesus asked them to get in the boat and head to the other side. **Read John 8:51, 14:23, Acts 5:29, and Romans 2:13.** Why is it easy to obey Jesus sometimes but other times it seems difficult?
3. In the middle of the storms of life, what keeps you committed to obeying the truth of God? Do you find it hard to remember the truth that Jesus has spoken to you in the dark times? **Psalms 119:11** teaches us to hide God's word in our hearts.
4. We need to know what voice to listen to in the storm. **Read Matthew 14:25-27.** In the middle of the lake Jesus encouraged the disciples to not be afraid. What are you afraid of right now? **Read Isaiah 41:10, Genesis 15:1, and Psalm 118:6.**
5. Jesus said: "It is I" to the disciples. This would have made them think about what God spoke to Moses in **Exodus 3:1-15.** Discuss the significance of Jesus declaring His deity to the disciples during that storm.
6. **Read Matthew 14:28-31.** Peter is the one disciple who was courageous enough to get out of the boat. Two questions: What is holding you back from getting out of the boat and what is pushing you forward to step out of the boat this week?
7. After Jesus got in the boat, the first thing the disciples did was worship Him. **Read Acts 14:8-18.** In the boat, Jesus permitted the disciples to worship Him. What does this teach us about Jesus being fully God and fully man?
8. Close your time in prayer. Talk about who you will invite to Coastline.