

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift you up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:25-26

Walking with Jesus

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Keep Your Eyes on Jesus

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Text: Matthew 14:22-36

30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

Peter, oh Peter! I say this lovingly and in jest that Peter makes me feel better about myself.

Peter and the disciples walked with Jesus and personally witnessed many miracles. Jesus had just performed the "miracle of the feeding of the 5,000" with five loaves of bread and two fish. Yet, when Jesus walked out to the disciples during the storm, they doubted it was Him. Peter asked Jesus to prove himself by allowing him to walk on the water. As Peter steps out of the boat and begins to walk toward Jesus he sees the wind and begins to doubt and sink, Jesus catches him and helps him back in the boat.

I love this story in Matthew where we see a picture of a loving Savior who even in our times of doubt and fear patiently reaches out His hand to us and sets us on dry ground and calms the storm around us.

When the storms of life rage around you, do you keep your eyes focused on the problem or the problem solver?

You will see, as the disciples did, Jesus doesn't always take the storm away. But He is with us in the storm. He never leaves us on our own.

"Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation." Psalms 91: 14-16

May the God of peace guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus,

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