



TIME FOR WATER-WALKERS... not Boat sitters!

Introduction:

We are living in exciting days... and as mentioned last Sunday... 'If you will believe, you will see the glory of God!' (John 11:40)
Let me share some of the wonderful things God is doing right now... just as He did when Jesus was on earth: Acts 2:22 'Listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through Him!'
Thank God today, in Jesus wonderful Name and for His glory, these things are still happening!

PETER WALKS ON WATER.

Matt. 14:22-26.

1. TIME OF STRUGGLE AND DIFFICULTY!

Our expectation seems to often be that God will perform the miraculous for us, when we feel ready, and everything is just right!.... But notice here:

Boat being tossed around in the waves.
Contrary winds... darkness... night!

2. TIME OF INTENSE FEAR:

Our idea of the ideal situation... organ playing soft harmonious music... attentive audience maybe... But God does things when we least expect them!

Vivid imagination... even superstitious!
Fail to recognise Him in the situation.
Cry out in fear... 'It is a ghost!'

3. JESUS WORDS OF COMFORT:

'Take courage, it is I, be not afraid!' Very often our focus is in the wrong place! I have discovered that when God is going to do something

miraculous my eyes must be off myself, off the circumstances and on HIM....

4. 'LORD, IF ITS YOU.. BID ME COME!'

In the light of the glory of Jesus, Peter forgot the waves, the wind, the circumstances, and there was the desire to do the works that Jesus did! A big mouth can get you into lots of trouble, but it can also open up opportunities!!!

5. JESUS SAYS ONE WORD... 'COME!'

Peter did not wait to see if the other disciples would jump out of the boat... He wanted a miracle to happen in his life! He did not wait to see if the water would become solid concrete under his feet! He did not hesitate, looking at the circumstances... He had his focus on Jesus, and the word that had been given! PETER BELIEVED... (If you will believe you will SEE the glory of God!)

When you believe, the NATURAL BECOMES SUPERNATURAL....
The ORDINARY BECOMES EXTRAORDINARY!!!

PETER WALKED ON WATER!

The other disciples missed it... Comfort zone in the boat... Fearful of sinking... just sat watching!

Sadly, Peter began to sink after awhile. Reason: He took his eyes off Jesus, and began to look around him... WAVES... WIND... DEEP WATER.... NEVER BEEN DONE BEFORE... (maybe even comments from those in the boat???) But he knew what to do... He called to the Lord and immediately He reached out His hand and lifted him up, and together walked to the boat! Only when they got into the boat did the wind stop! (verse 31) Jesus remarked about his 'little faith'.... but the other disciples had NO faith!

Today you may be surrounded with problems, difficulties... things that seem insurmountable!

There is NOTHING IMPOSSIBLE with God! 'All things are possible to him that believeth!'

- Maybe a very difficult hurtful family

situation...

- Possibly you are hurting deep inside, because life has been so cruel one way and another...
- Could be financial difficulties...
- Physical sickness and problems...
- You feel so alone, desperate... frightened! The waves and wind are rocking the little boat of your life, and it is cold and dark.... **BUT JESUS WALKS ON THE VERY CIRCUMSTANCES THAT FRIGHTEN YOU!**

FINALLY:

Jesus said in John 14:12... 'He that believeth in Me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works because I go to My Father.'

'Its not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit' Zech. 4:6.

To have His equipping... one needs to be filled.... John 7:37-39....