

Staying Afloat in the Storms of Life
Matthew 14:22-33
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Main Point:

As you go through turbulent storms in this life, stay afloat by keeping your eyes on Jesus.

1. You will go through turbulent storms in this life that will test your faith.

2. Jesus is mightier than the storms.

3. Jesus is the One who enables you to stay afloat in the storms.

4. Stay afloat in the storms of life by keeping your eyes on Jesus.

Exodus 3:14 ¹⁴ And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" (NKJV)

Job 9:8 ⁸ He alone spreads out the heavens, And treads on the waves of the sea; (NKJV)

Psalms 93:4 ⁴ The LORD on high *is* mightier Than the noise of many waters, *Than* the mighty waves of the sea. (NKJV)

J.C. Ryle "He may allow his people to be tried for a season, and to be tossed to and fro by storms of trouble; he may be later than they wish in coming to their aid, and not draw near till the 'fourth watch of the night;' but never let them forget that winds, and waves, and storms are all Christ's servants. They cannot move without Christ's permission."

Philippians 4:13 ¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (NKJV)

J.C. Ryle "To walk on the sea himself was a mighty miracle; but to enable a poor weak disciple to do the same, was a mightier miracle still ... It shows us what great things our Lord can do for those that hear his voice, and follow him. He can enable them to do things which at one time they would have thought impossible: he can carry them through difficulties and trials, which without him they would never have dared to face; he can give them strength to walk through fire and water unharmed, and to get the better of every foe."

Hebrews 12:1-3 ¹ Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. (NKJV)

James Montgomery Boice "If you have been sinking in life because of troubles or because you doubt the wisdom and power of God, stop looking at the waves and look to Jesus. He is the Lord of all circumstances, and he will be there to see you through them."