

Transforming Peter



When FAITH FALTERS — Matthew 14:22-33 — 3.1.2020

I. What Causes Faith to Falter?

- A. Fear of the UNEXPLAINABLE (vs 26)
- B. Fear of the UNCONTROLLABLE (vs 30)
- C. Fear of the UNQUANTIFIABLE (vs 31)

II. How Does Jesus Respond to Faith when it Falters?

- A. Calling us with a STRATEGY (vs 23)
- B. Leading us by starting from a place of SOLITUDE (vs 23)
- C. Meeting us in the midst of our STRUGGLE

"Jesus went out to them" (vs 25)

"Take courage, it is I. Don't be afraid" (vs 26-27)

III. How Do We Respond to Jesus in Faith When Confronted with Fear?

A. Hear His Voice

IT IS IN PETER'S STRUGGLE THAT HE BEGINS TO EXPERIENCE TRANSFORMATION; AND JESUS KNEW IT.

B. Speak The Language

-The Language of Faith is Obedience

JESUS COMMANDS PETER TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE, KNOWING FULL WELL THAT THE ONLY WAY TO ACCOMPLISH IT WAS IN HIS STRENGTH.

C. Get out of the Boat

-The Fruit of Obedience is Life Transformation

JESUS CALMS THE STORM AFTER THEY GET BACK IN THE BOAT, BUT SO OFTEN WE WANT HIM TO CALM IT BEFORE WE AGREE TO GET OUT.

RbC Small Group Questions:

How do we learn to discern God's voice in our lives?

- Confirmed in Scripture
- Discerned in Prayer
- Affirmed in Community

What do we learn about Jesus in the beginning of the passage before anyone walks on water?

Who is doing what in this encounter between Jesus and Peter?

How do we learn to listen to Jesus' voice well enough to recognize it in the midst of our circumstances?

How are we intentionally obeying God's word and applying it to our lives?

Where might we hear Jesus' call in our lives? How are we discerning that call?