

## Promises Not Panic, Day 5, 3/20/2020

Welcome to Day 5 of Promises Not Panic- helping people get a grip on the Promises of God so Panic can be vanquished in their lives. **Today- fresh look at famous story...**

**Mat 14:22-23** Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.

**App-** Jesus has called us all to an obedient journey to get to the other side, heaven, in the process, He's praying for us!

**Mat 14:24** But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

**App-** 4 miles, hours long struggle, wind-blown, storm-tossed, nearly boat-sinking, darkness of night.

**Listen-** it's not all smooth sailing getting to the other side, but Jesus prays, sees, and is present... settle that in your heart, **storms don't mean He's unfaithful, storms are opportunities for growth, revelation and miracles!**

**Mat 14:25** Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea.

**App-** 4<sup>th</sup> watch, 3-6am, Jesus walking on the sea, in the storms, displaying total mastery and authority over nature itself. **You would think disciples would be stoked...**

**Mat 14:26** And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear... they weren't stoked!

**App-** trouble unchecked leads to full-blown fear AND a declaration that minimizes the Person and power of Jesus- "it's a ghost, can't be Jesus, he can't walk on water."

**Listen-** if we don't reel in our worry, fear will follow, leading to a minimizing of Jesus Presence, power and authority over our lives.

**Mat 14:27** But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "**Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.**"

**App-** be courageous, I AM, don't be afraid! Courage and fearlessness must be rooted in the Presence of the Great I AM in our midst! Courage from Presence! Josh 1:9.

**Listen-** **while disciples are troubled, fearful and minimizing Jesus' power... Jesus is calling them to courage and fearlessness based on His power! Same for us!**

**Mat 14:28** And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

**App-** Peter takes Jesus up on command to be courageous, asks the “impossible” to walk on water.

**Love this-** “Jesus, if this is really You, invite me out and empower me to walk on water.” That’s something You would do, invite me to do the “impossible” so I could experience the miraculous.”

**Mat 14:29** So He said, "**Come.**" And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

**App-** Peter walked on the water!!! The very thing that was threatening his life, he walked on! Lapse of faith...

**Mat 14:30** But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

**Fact-** if you focus on the storm, fear sets in, sinking starts.

**Mat 14:31** And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "**O you of little faith, why did you doubt?**"

**Listen-** Jesus saved Peter and that’s wonderful- BUT- Jesus also corrects something for Peter... “you didn’t sink due to the storm; you sank due to your doubt and lack of faith.”

**Mat 14:32-33** And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

**App-** storms stop when correction is received... 2 Chron 7:14... correction, revelation, worship.

**Beloved-** its time to turn from trouble, fear and minimizing Jesus Presence and power in our lives- its time to be courageous and fearless based on His Presence and power. Its time to walk on the very thing that is threatening lives, not in foolish arrogance, but in courageous confidence!

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