

Title: "Faith over Fear"
Text: Matthew 14:22-33

Target: There are STORM's we all face within us and around us, that relentlessly pound on us, causing us to feel that the firm foundation beneath our feet is unstable and unreliable. However, your firm foundation is not outside of the storm, but within it, allowing you to rise above it.

Teaching Points: Fear paralyzes us from fully experiencing the supernatural presence and provision of God in our lives, but it is important for you to know that:

1. There is a Plan in the Storm: "Immediate" Sovereignty _____! (Vs. 22-24)

- a. **No Explanation:** "*he made the disciples get into the boat*" (Vs. 22)
- b. **No Destination:** "*go before him to the other side*" (Vs. 22)
- c. **No Hesitation:** *he was there alone*, (Vs. 23)
- d. **No Realization:** but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them.

Key Verse: John 6:15: *Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.*

2. There is a Peace in the Storm: "Immediate" Sufficiency _____! (Vs. 25-27)

- a. **Comfort in His Will:** "*in the fourth watch of the night he came to them*" (Vs. 25)
- b. **Comfort in His Ways:** "*walking on the sea*" (Vs. 25)
- c. **Comfort in His Words:** *But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."* (Vs. 27)

3. There is a Promise in the Storm: "Immediate" Surety _____! (Vs. 28-32)

- a. **Won't tell you no:** "*beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me."*" (Vs. 30)
- b. **Won't let you go:** "*Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him*" (Vs. 31)
- c. **Won't walk alone:** "*when they got into the boat*" (Vs.32)

Key Thought: "I would rather be wet in failure, then dry in fear"

4. There is Praise in the Storm: "Immediate" Supremacy _____! (Vs. 32-33)

- a. **Wind Stopped:** "*the wind ceased*" (Vs. 32)
- b. **Waves Parted:** *immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going (John 6:21)*

c. **Worship Started:** *And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.” (Vs. 33)*

Takeaway: “What is over your head is always beneath His feet”!