

# WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?



*Message: Keep your eyes on Jesus*

*Scripture: Matthew 14:22-31*

You probably heard that Jesus could actually walk on water. Wow! Pretty amazing, isn't it? Did you ever try to walk on water? When I tried it I sank like a rock! But you know, according to the Bible Jesus isn't the only one who walked on water. Let me tell you about it.

One day the disciples got into a boat and headed out to sea, but Jesus stayed behind to pray. He prayed for a long time and then he decided to join the disciples. But by then they were already 3 or 4 miles out to sea, and Jesus didn't have a boat. So he simply walked right on top of the water out to where the disciples were.

When the disciples saw him coming, they were scared because they thought it was a ghost. But Jesus said, "Don't worry: it's just me."

Then Peter said, "Lord, if it's really you tell me to come to you on the water."

Jesus said, "Come on."

And Peter got out of the boat and began walking on the water toward Jesus. But it was very windy and there were lots of big waves, and when Peter noticed the wind and the waves he got scared and began to sink. So he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus reached out and pulled him out of the water and saved him.

You know, it's funny how Peter was doing fine walking on water when he started out. But as soon as he took his eyes off Jesus and started looking at the wind and the waves he began to sink. He should have kept his eyes on Jesus.

And that's what we should do, too. When we're in the midst of trouble we need to keep our eyes on Jesus instead of on our troubles. It doesn't mean we'll be able to walk on water, but if we keep our eyes on Jesus our troubles will seem a whole lot less scary.

Let's pray: Dear Father, we thank you that Jesus is there to help us. Please help us to always keep our eyes on Jesus, especially when we have troubles. We pray this in His name. Amen.