

INCREASE

growing the power to believe

“The Savior in Our Storms”

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“And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, ‘It is a ghost!’ and they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.’²⁸ And Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’²⁹ He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus.³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, ‘O you of little faith, why did you doubt?’³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’” (Matthew 14:23-33 ESV)

Look for Jesus in the storm.

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Come to Jesus through the storm.

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“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you...” (James 4:8 ESV)

Focus on Jesus, not the storm.

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Follow Jesus after the storm.

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“Why do you call me “Lord, Lord,” and not do what I tell you?⁴⁷ Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like:⁴⁸ he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.⁴⁹ But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.” (Luke 6:46-49 ESV)