

Title: Get Out of the Boat
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Jesus walks on the sea

Matthew 14:22-33

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Desire solitude, seek God’s face

Matthew 14:22-23

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Resistance for obedience – expect it

Matthew 14:24-25

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Our attitude towards resistance

Romans 5:3-4

³And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Who is that? – know Him

Matthew 14:26-27

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The desire

Matthew 14:28

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Wait ... and GO!!

Matthew 14:29

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Don’t look back ... focus

Matthew 14:30

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Call on the Lord

Matthew 14:30-32

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Glorify Him

Matthew 14:33

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Guidance for us all

Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.