



As soon as the people were fed, Jesus told his disciples to get into their boat and to go to the other side of the lake while he stayed behind to dismiss the people.²³ After the crowds dispersed, Jesus went up into the hills to pray. And as night fell he was there praying alone with God.²⁴ But the disciples, who were now in the middle of the lake, ran into trouble, for their boat was tossed about by the high winds and heavy seas.²⁵ At about four o'clock in the morning,^[g] Jesus came to them, walking on the waves!²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on top of the water, they were terrified and screamed, "A ghost!"²⁷ Then Jesus said, "Be brave and don't be afraid. I am here!"^[h]²⁸ Peter shouted out, "Lord, if it's really you, then have me join you on the water!"²⁹ "Come and join me,"^[i] Jesus replied. So Peter stepped out onto the water and began to walk toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he realized how high the waves were, he became frightened and started to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he cried out.³¹ Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and lifted him up and said, "What little faith you have! Why would you let doubt win?"³² And the very moment they both stepped into the boat, the raging wind ceased.³³ Then all the disciples crouched down before him and worshiped Jesus.^[j] They said in adoration, "You are truly the Son of God!" **Matthew 14:22-33** (TPT)

➤ **NINE WAYS TO CHOOSE FAITH IN JESUS OVER FEAR OF THE DEEP.**

1. I _____ WHAT JESUS ____.

As soon as the people were fed... v. 22a

And he (Jesus) climbed aboard the boat with them, and the wind dropped. But they were scared out of their wits. They had not had the sense to learn the lesson of the loaves. Even that miracle had not opened their eyes to see who he was. **Mark 6:51-52** (Phillips)

2. I _____ WHAT JESUS ____.

Jesus told his disciples to get into their boat and to go to the other side of the lake while he stayed behind to dismiss the people. v. 22b

3. I _____ MY _____

But the disciples, who were now in the middle of the lake, ran into trouble, for their boat was tossed about by the high winds and heavy seas...²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on top of the water, they were terrified and screamed, "A ghost!" v. 24, 26

4. I _____ MY _____

Peter shouted, "Lord, if it's really you, then have me join you on the water! v. 28

5. I _____ OUT IN _____

"Come and join me," Jesus replied. So, Peter stepped out onto the water and began to walk toward Jesus" v. 29

...the river was in flood. When the people left the camp... As soon as the priests stepped into the river,¹⁶ the water stopped flowing... **Joshua 3:14-16a** (GNT)

But we are certainly not those who are held back by fear and perish; we are among those who have faith and experience true life! **Hebrews 10:39** (TPT)

6. I _____ FEAR _____

But when he realized how high the waves were, he became frightened and started to sink. v. 30a

7. I _____ OUT TO _____

"Save me, Lord!" he cried out.³¹ Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and lifted him... v. 30b, 31a

His faithfulness to God has made it possible for us to have the courage we need and the ability to approach the Father confidently. **Ephesians 3:12** (VOICE)

8. I _____ THE _____

"What little faith you have! Why would you let doubt win?"³² And the very moment they both stepped into the boat, the raging wind ceased. v. 31a, 32

9. I _____ GLORY TO _____

Then all the disciples crouched down before him and worshiped Jesus. They said in adoration, "You are truly the Son of God!" v. 33

In spite of all this, his faith in God's promise did not falter. In fact, his faith grew as he gave glory to God. **Romans 4:20** (VOICE)