

BRAVE THE WAVES

Brave Journey, Part 3

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Every Story Has A _____

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

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

"Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Matthew 14:22-33

God Knows How To Deal With Your _____

[same story, different gospel]

Late that night, the disciples were in their boat in the middle of the lake, and Jesus was alone on land. He saw that they were in serious trouble, rowing hard and struggling against the wind and waves.

Mark 6:47-48 NLT

Just because it's hard doesn't mean it's not _____

About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water.

but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, because they all saw him and were terrified.

But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage! I am here!" Then he climbed into the boat, and the wind stopped. They were totally amazed...

Mark 6:48-50 NLT

We tend to think that God's presence and God's answer always means a visible sign and improved conditions.

Is it God? Sometimes...

the only way to find out, is to step out.

And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

Matthew 13:58

In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1 Peter 1:6-9

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*