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Sunday, June 27, 2021 Unit. I: Jesus Teaches About Faith

YOUTH TOPIC: NO NEED TO WORRY

Background Scripture and Print Passage: Matthew 14:22 – 33

KEY VERSE: Jesus immediately said to them: *Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.*
Matthew 14 14:27

DEVOTION - Meditation: Isaiah 38:16-20
Hobbs

Listen to *He's Able* by Darwin

<https://youtu.be/q3gc-Uz5x7E>

Prayer: Praise God for His miracles in your life.

INTRODUCTION: People are generally in awe of powerful machines such as jets flying overhead or monster trucks which roll over other vehicles. However instead of being awestruck by the power of engines, we should be in awe or give reverence to the omnipotent (all powerful) Jesus Christ. This week's lesson tells of the notable Bible event when Peter walked on water. This incident left a lasting impression on the disciples resulting in true worship. I hope we feel the same after studying this Sunday School lesson.

BACKGROUND: Just before Peter's act of faith and loss of focus, Jesus performed the miracle of multiplying five biscuits and two fish feeding a multitude of more than 5,000 men, not counting women and children (*see Matt. 14:13-21*).

SYNOPSIS OF THE LESSON: Jesus compelled the disciples to in a boat for returning to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. Once on shore, Jesus went by Himself on a mountainside to pray. Jesus' life on earth was a life of prayer. Seeking solitude for prayer was an important priority for Jesus. Do we make time out of our busy schedules to be in a vertical alignment with our Father? Jesus did, so who are we to not follow His example? Pastor Perkins always says if you are too busy to pray and meditate on God's word then you are entirely TOO BUSY! Solitude with God renews, replenishes, and reinforces our spiritual relationship with Him.

Meanwhile the disciples were still out at sea when a storm causing raging waves came up after they rowed 25 or 30 furlongs (1 furlong = approximately 600 feet) or between three and four miles (*see John 6:19*). Jesus suddenly appeared to them, walking on water during the fourth watch (In KJV of Matt. 14:25; Roman Empire military term meaning between 3 a.m. – 6 a.m.). With knowledge of having left Jesus on the shore a few hours prior to dawn, understandably the disciples were afraid (vs. 26)

thinking the human figure walking towards them was a “ghost.” However, Jesus reassured them it was He (vs. 27).

Now sometimes we read verses 30 -31 and can concentrate on Peter’s lack of faith, yet in verse 28, Peter told Jesus to invite him (Peter) to Him on the water if He really was Jesus. Peter is the only disciple to answer Jesus in this manner. Peter’s request was an act of faith! Anyone can watch while sitting in the boat, but it takes a person of true faith to get out and walk on the water. As Peter continuously gave Jesus his full attention, he walked on the water, but like the rest of us humans, he looked at the storm and began sinking. At that moment Peter’s faith wavered although he had enough sense to cry out to Jesus for help!

CONCLUSION: Focus on the One who controls the circumstances instead of the trial of difficulty. During unfortunate life experiences let us spend time in solitude with God, focusing on Jesus, and crying out to Him in faith and belief in His mighty power. Stop trying to figure things out on your own and turn to the One who already has ALL THE ANSWERS - - - JESUS!!

CLOSING PRAYER: All Mighty Father may we look to Jesus in times of joy or tribulations. May we maintain our faith when things are difficult, keeping our spiritual eyes on Your Son and not our inadequacies. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.



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