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TODAY'S MESSAGE:

Life WITH Faith

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Luke 12:25-26 (NIV)

²⁵ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? ²⁶ Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

What does Jesus want them to see?

Mark 6:48 (NIV)

"he was about to pass by them"...

What does Peter do in FEAR?

What is your BOAT?

Did Peter Fail?

Reflection Questions:



- 1) What dangers in this life produce fear in you?
- 2) How do we often try to control our circumstances to alleviate our fears?
- 3) Is ultimate control of our circumstances an illusion? Why or why not?
- 4) What is the difference between choosing CONTROL and choosing SURRENDER? How have you experienced this in your life? What makes SURRENDER difficult sometimes?
- 5) We are SAFE when we are WITH Jesus. But safety does not always mean comfortable. How have you experienced being uncomfortable even when you know you were following Jesus in obedience?

- 6) What things in your life do you fear surrendering to Jesus? What is your “boat” that you cling to when Jesus is calling you to follow Him? Where is Jesus inviting you to trust him today?
- 7) Did Peter fail when he sank in the story? Explain. How have you learned from failure in your life and how has that grown your faith?