

Man Overboard

Matthew 14/John 21

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Introduction

We are not called just to know Him

We are not called just to serve Him

We are forever called to be WITH Him.

Face Down story

Jesus in the garden (Mark 14:34)

I had no problem seeing God as Master & Commander but Loving Father?

Now What?

Matthew 14:22-33

Paraphrase 22-24

Panic Into Peace

Matthew 14:25-27

4th watch

Jesus went to them, they didn't go to Jesus.

If you're not careful you'll miss it.

They cried out from fear, not faith

Immediately: without hesitation

- Turns our panic to peace

2 Tim. 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Raccoons – On the roof

Confident & Courageous

Matthew 14:28-32

Being close to Jesus removes fear and increases faith

Prov. 28:1 The wicked flee when no one pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion.

I have never seen a fearful lion - Even a child knows that there is something wrong with the cowardly lion from The Wizard of Oz

"Great faith isn't doing something crazy, it is being obedient at all costs."

vs.28) **Command me: has to come from a higher power/authority.**

- Our ideas are still subject to God's will.

- Just because we ask God to bless something doesn't mean He will.

They will be done... it takes more faith to follow someone else's plans.

vs.31 *Immediately* caught Peter

CALLS to us, **CATCHES** us

Before we rail on Peter, he is the only one that got out of the boat.

Worship

Worship: our willingness to obey produces honest worship.

Prov. 28:9 One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, Even his prayer *is* an abomination.

Matthew 15:8-9a 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, And in vain they worship Me,...

Matthew 14:33

Worship: an act showing extreme reverence or respect.

Wise Men – Matt. 2

Servant – Matt. 18

John 9 – Blind man healed

John 4 – Woman at the Well

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

Forgive

Love

Integrity in business

Honor in marriage

Being With Jesus

Doesn't mean perfection but will lead to personal growth.

Let go of the idea that life is supposed to be smooth sailing!!!

John 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."
Sometimes, when things feel like they are falling apart, they are actually falling into place.

- **Up or Down do it with Jesus and you are good.**

Wasn't Peter's greatest moment.

- *Growing in Christ might mean trading some emotional excitement for personal depth.*

Holding Hands, butterflies vs. battle proven relationship

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JOHN 21

You will never outgrow your need for Jesus – it's the end of the Gospel and Peter is w/ J.

Same lake, same group of people, similar boat... different response.

John 21:3-14 (silly, strange but life changing for sure)

Who knows who?

John 21:4-6 (seems a little fishy to me? HAHAHA)

- Jesus knew who they were and what they needed to do.
- Sometimes the Lord will point out a problem because He wants to work on it.

Jeremiah 31:3 The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

Doesn't treat us like an unruly dog

With Christ there is No Condemnation

John 21:7-11

Peter wasn't the first to get it, but he was the first to respond.

John 3:17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Even carrying the shame/guilt of denying Jesus, He wanted to get to Him ASAP.

Jesus provided what they needed.

John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Invitation to sit with Him

John 21:12-13

- All those who are weary and heavy laden
- Return to your first love
- Uneducated and untrained men, it was clear they had been with Jesus.

Some of you need to get out of the boat

You are hanging on, almost tied yourself to the mast.

Living with wild expectations of smooth sailing and perfect plans.

Galatians 3:3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

- Before we use the gifts of the Spirit, we should be showing evidence of the fruit of the Spirit.

Lamentation 3:24 "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!"

Psalm 27:4 One *thing* I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.