

**From Fear to Faith**  
**Your Race Counts! Pt.6**  
**Matthew 14:22-33**  
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**What's the Next Right Step in My Race?**

**Matthew 14:22**, *Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.*

**Matthew 14:23**, *After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray.*

**Matthew 14:24**, *and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.*

**Obedience doesn't always lead to comfort; it can sometimes lead us straight into a storm.**

**Matthew 14:25**, *Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.*

**Mark 6:48**, *Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them,*

**Matthew 14:26**, *When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.*

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

**Do Not Be Afraid.**

**Matthew 14:28**, *"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."*

**Matthew 14:29**, *"Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.*

**Stepping out of the boat will mean leaving our comfort zone.**

**Matthew 14:30**, *But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"*

**"The secret to walking the wire is simple: keep your eyes fixed out ahead not down, not behind. Where you look is where you'll go."**

**Faith is not the absence of fear; it's the courage to obey God despite the fear.**

**Matthew 14:31**, *Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”*

**Matthew 14:32**, *And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.*

**Matthew 14:33**, *Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”*

**Worship isn't just singing songs; it's becoming aware that we're standing in the presence of God.**

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