

THE STORM

Matthew 14:22-33

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- 14:22 The crowd wanted to make Jesus King by force, but not because their motives were spiritual or because their purposes were of God's will (cf. John 5:14-15a).
 - 14:23 Jesus has His eye on the disciples while they were in a storm...the very storm into which He sent them (cf. Mark 6:48).
 - 14:24 God often does not come at the time or in the way that we think He should.
 - 14:24 The disciples showed no confidence that the love of God was as relevant in the storm as it was in the calm.
 - 14:24 God's vision is not as ours; He knows exactly where they are, exactly what they are going through (Proverbs 15:3; Hebrews 4:13).
 - 14:27 With just a word, Jesus stilled the storm raging within them before stilling the storm that raged around them.
 - 14:27 God's nature is to calm your heart first, many times without ever changing the environment (Philippians 4:7).
 - 14:27 Jesus walked on the water to demonstrate the extent of His love, protection, and willingness to rescue. We will never find ourselves in a place where Jesus cannot reach us.
 - 14:28 Peter did many things for which people critique him. But often he's faulted for things that reflect love and faith as much as boldness.
 - 14:28 Peter knew Jesus had the power to change his circumstances, but he would not presume upon God without express direction.
 - 14:29 If Jesus says, "Come," then that command will accomplish its intended purpose.

