

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1.) vs 15 Because Jesus teaches, heals and feeds this crowd, His **ACTIONS** cause them to conclude Jesus is the “*prophet*” spoken of in Deuteronomy 18:15.
- 2.) vs 15 The crowd wants to make Jesus their King, but not the kind of King He came to be. They want someone to feed them, guarantee their security and lead them in a revolt against Rome.
- 3.) We learn from Mark (6:45) that Jesus **REMOVES** the disciples from the situation He “...*made His disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him...*” He does not want them swept up in the crowd’s superficial plans.
- 4.) vs 18 The wind is so powerful it blew the disciples **OFF COURSE**, pushing them to “...*the middle of the sea*” (Mk 6:47) as they are desperate in trying to reach the safety of the western shore.
- 5.) The “*fourth watch of the night*” spoken of in Mark 6:48 is between **3:AM** and **6:AM** based on **ROMAN** time keeping.
- 6.) vs 19 Through the darkness, swirling wind, stinging spray, and raging waves, they see a **HUMAN FORM** walking on the surface of the sea, directly into the face of the storm.
- 7.) vs 19 Because there is no natural explanation for what they’re seeing, the disciples are consumed with **SHEER TERROR**.
- 8) We find John and Mark’s account leaves out a significant detail which Matthew tells us about when Peter ask to get out of the boat.
- 9.) In vs 30 of Matthew 13 we learn that Peter got **DISTRACTED** from what God called him to do “...*seeing the wind, he became frightened...*”
- 10.) In the midst of our ‘storm like’ circumstances, it is **CRUCIAL** to **FOCUS** on God’s capacity, who He is and what He is capable of.
- 11.) How does Jesus respond in these circumstances? vs 31 in Matthew 14 tells us; ³¹**IMMEDIATELY** *Jesus stretched out His hand...*
- 12.) vs 21 What would you do if you just witnessed all that the disciples just lived through? Mark tells us they were “*utterly astonished*” and Matthew tells us “*those who were in the boat* **WORSHIPED** Him”.

GREEK WORDS USED TODAY

Opsios op'-see-os *late*; or *nightfall* (later eve):- even (*tide*)
Basanizo (bas-an-id'-zo); to *torture*:- pain, toil, torment, toss, vex.
Megas (meg'-as) *big* :- exceedingly, great(-est), high, large, loud, mighty
Anakrazo (an-ak-rad'-zo); to *scream, cry out*:— crying, screaming, shouting :- to *scream up* (aloud)
Keleuo (to urge on); to *command*:- command, give orders, order
Distazo (dis-tad'-zo) to *duplicate*, [mentally-to waver] (in opinion):- doubt

FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

God is not constrained by human limitations. If God can see His followers struggling in the midst of a trauma and then walk to them on water can he overcome the forces that press against you?

OBSERVATIONS

- 1) Jesus calls us to do more than we are able, because He enables us.** What you cannot do on your own is accomplished by the power of Jesus in you.
- 2) See the magnitude of the mission as a moment for faith and obedience.** The magnitude of a task should not be used as an excuse for not attempting it. How easy it is to use the magnitude of a task as an excuse for not obeying.
- 3) God delights in doing the unexpected.** *His wisdom, power and grace are displayed through His handling of “impossible” situations. When we face difficulties, we should be careful not to limit the ways we expect God to show up.*

How can you apply the principles of these truths this week? _____
