

Gospel of Mark

Lesson 32 “Walking on the Water With Jesus”

I. Introduction - We are continuing our series on “The Gospel of Mark” this morning.

A. Review - This series comes from **Galatians 2:20**. It’s now Christ living in us so in order for us to understand how He lives in us, it’s helpful to study how He lived on earth.

B. Last week, we looked at one of the most notable miracles in Jesus’ ministry—the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Today, we’re going to see how that miracle connects directly to another remarkable moment: when Jesus walked on the water.

1. In this passage, Jesus walks on the very thing that was about to kill His disciples—and He even gives them the chance to walk on the same problem!
2. The application to us is if we’ll put our faith in Jesus, we can walk on top of the very things that were sent to destroy us.

II. Walking on the Water with Jesus

A. **Mark 6:45-52**

1. **Verse 45** After Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, we discover from **John 6:15** tells us Jesus perceived the people were about to come and make Him king.
 - a. Because of this Jesus put His disciples in a boat so they could cross the Sea of Galilee and get away from the crowd.
 - b. This is important. We have authority over the storms God sends us into.
2. **Verse 46** Jesus then went up the mountain to pray. It’s significant how often we see Jesus get away by Himself to pray. If we want the miracles of Jesus, we might want to follow the pattern of Jesus.
 - a. We don’t pray to qualify for a miracle or to generate the power. That was provided in the redemption package at the cross.
 - b. We pray to refocus our mind, will, and emotions on the Father and who we are in Him. **Jesus, even though He was God, lived in a mortal body. He had just been pulled on by people for a significant period of time and He needed to recharge His batteries and reset His eyes on the realities of the kingdom of heaven. We need to do the same.**
3. **Verse 47** The boat was in the middle of the sea (the disciples had already been in the boat for hours) and yet had only made it 3 or 4 miles (**John 6:19**). The whole boatride could have taken as little as 2 hours if the conditions were good.
4. **Verse 48** While the disciples were straining at rowing, Jesus saw them, but did not come directly to the boat. He would have passed them by. **Principle:** The grace of God in Jesus is available for us, but we must cry out for it.

5. **Verse 49** The disciples thinking Jesus was a ghost revealed their hardened hearts—they were insensitive to the supernatural. But they did one wise thing: they cried out. **How many prayers does God answer out of mercy rather than our faith?**

6. **Verse 50** If the disciples would have been in prayer for hours, it's probably their hearts wouldn't have been troubled and they would have been discouraged just like Jesus. Isn't it remarkable, because He had prayed, when Jesus showed up, He said, "***Be of good cheer! It is I, do not be afraid. Jesus isn't freaking out about the things that seem to be about to destroy us. He wants us to feel the same way. We must get back into the word and prayer to be in faith!***

a. **Matthew 14:28-29** Peter made a statement, "Lord if it if You, command me to walk on the water."

i. This is a picture of whatever you desire when you pray, believe you receive and you will have it.

ii. The word Jesus released....Come.... Was enough power to enable Peter to walk on what was about to destroy him.

iii. This is a manifestation fo **John 14:12**, which was available for the rest of the disciples to walk in, but Peter was the only on that got out of the boat....a boat that was sinking.

b. **Matthew 14:30-32** Peter began to sink... You don't just begin to sink. The reason he began to sink was because he took his eyes off Jesus. Jesus then brought Him on the boat and the wind ceased.

7. **Verses 51-52** When Jesus got into the boat, the wind stopped. Mark says the disciples were amazed because they hadn't understood—hadn't *considered*—the miracle of the loaves, and that lack of understanding hardened their hearts.

a. What had they not understood/considered about the miracle of the loaves? God is the source of all power and He had the power to stop what seemed to be killing them.

b. Our hearts will be sensitive to that which we consider (supernatural, fear, sin). What we think on matters. In the Old Testament God told Israel to set up landmarks to remember His miracles. **Joshua 4:4-7.**

III. Conclusion - If we're not intentional to remember, we'll forget. This is why we must recharge our spiritual batteries by getting alone in prayer with tehe Lord and by intentionally remembering His previous miracles. When we do this, we will be able to walk on the water with Jesus!

A. Alter Call

B. Closing Prayer

