

Written in Red - Week 5

The Middle Is Not the End

Matthew 14:22-25 (NKJV) Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. 23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. 24 But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary 25 Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea.

Middle of the Sea—Middle of the Storm—Middle of the Night

NOTICE: They were “sent” by Jesus—They were in the middle of God’s will.

Being in the middle of God’s will might mean being in the middle of a storm.

1 Peter 4:12 (NKJV) Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you.

Just because you’re in the middle of a storm doesn’t mean you’re meant to sink.

Matthew 14:25-27 (NKJV) Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.”

Jesus came to them in the storm, but they were so fearful they almost missed Him.

Matthew 14:28-29 (NKJV) And Peter answered Him and said, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” 29 So He said, “Come.” And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

Peter had to step away from what was familiar, safe, logical, where everyone else was.

1 Corinthians 2:14 (BSB) But the natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he is not able to understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Natural thinking limits us and pulls us away from supernatural possibilities.

Without the power of the Word of God, natural possibilities become our only possibilities.

Matthew 19:26 (NKJV) “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

If we want supernatural results, we have to be willing to think supernatural thoughts.

If we want to have a water walking experience, we’ve got to be willing to step out of the boat.

Impossibilities are only made possible by the Power of the Word of God, and the Power of the Word is activated by action (Peter acted on what Jesus said).

Peter didn’t step out on the water, he stepped out on one Word from God—“come.”

Act like the Word of God is true and just do what it says to do.

Isaiah 43:2 (NLV) When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. When you pass through the rivers, they will not flow over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned. The fire will not destroy you.

Psalm 34:19 (NKJV) Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

If you're in the middle of a storm is not the finish line. It's only the middle.

If you're in the middle, you know it's not your end.