

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Fixing our eyes - Part 4 Under His Feet

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Introduction

We may assume that when God sends us to do something the path will be smooth. However, this is often not the case. In Matthew 14:22-32, we read that Jesus sent the disciples to cross the lake in a boat. Yet, they were buffeted by waves and strong wind and caught in a storm. Jesus walked on the water to rescue them, telling them to have courage and reminding them, "I am here." As His disciples, God is with us during times of challenge. In every situation, we can bring our problems to Jesus and place them at His feet.

Read: Matthew 14:30-32, Ephesians 1:22, Matthew 18:18-19

Discuss

1. In Matthew 14:1-12, John the Baptist (Jesus' cousin) was beheaded by King Herod. Jesus went up on a mountainside to pray alone, telling the disciples to cross the lake in a boat without him. How would you react if you were his disciples?
2. Are you experiencing any storms in your life now? If so, what are those storms?
3. Have you ever experienced God leading you through a time of wilderness?
4. How might the story of Jesus walking on water encourage you during tough times in your life?
5. In Ephesians 1:22, what does it mean when it says God has put all things under the authority of Christ?
6. Regarding prayer, what does Matthew 18:18-19 mean to you? How can we enhance our prayer life according to this?

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Respond

When Peter called out to Jesus, 'Save me Lord', Jesus rescued him, the wind stopped and the disciples worshipped Jesus. What are some situations we need to 'put under Jesus's feet' as an act of surrender? Write them down and spend time praying over these challenges with the group.