

Pastor Roy's Study Questions on Matthew 14:22-36 **(October 29, 2025)**

— *Below are questions to help further our understanding of Wednesday's Sermon.* —

1. When Peter walked on water, he succeeded as long as he kept his eyes on Jesus but began to sink when he focused on the storm around him. What 'storms' in your life cause you to take your eyes off Jesus, and how can you maintain your focus on Him during turbulent times?
2. Jesus performed miracles without fanfare or drawing attention to Himself, often not even mentioning what He was doing. How does this challenge our modern tendency to publicize our good works, and what does it teach us about humility in ministry?
3. The sermon emphasizes that removing the supernatural acts of God from the Bible essentially removes God Himself. Why do you think some people struggle to accept the miraculous, and how does belief in God's supernatural power affect your daily walk with Him?
4. George Müller never asked people for money but only prayed to God, yet cared for over 10,000 orphans through divine provision. What would it look like for you to trust God at that level in your own circumstances, and what holds you back from doing so?
5. The disciples thought Jesus was a ghost when they saw Him walking on water because they were exhausted and fearful. How does physical and emotional exhaustion affect our ability to recognize God's presence and work in our lives?
6. After all the miracles the disciples had witnessed, they still struggled with fear and doubt during the storm. What does this reveal about the ongoing nature of faith development, and how can we grow stronger in our trust of God?
7. The people of Gennesaret demonstrated faith by believing that simply touching the hem of Jesus' garment would heal them. What does this level of faith look like in practical terms today when Jesus is not physically present with us?
8. Jesus intentionally separated Himself from the crowds and disciples to pray alone on the mountain. How does solitude and communion with God strengthen our ability to minister to others, and are you making time for this in your own life?
9. Peter had to step out of the boat to walk on water, demonstrating that faith requires action and risk. What is God calling you to step out of the boat for, and what fear is keeping you from taking that step?
10. The sermon states that fear drives doubt and shakes faith, but Jesus immediately reached out to save Peter even in his moment of doubt. How does knowing that Jesus will catch you when you falter change your willingness to take bold steps of faith?