

IN THE MIDDLE

Matthew 14:22-36, NKJV

22 Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

Matthew 14:22-36, NKJV

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.

Matthew 14:22-36, NKJV

25 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.

Matthew 14:22-36, NKJV

27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." 28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

Matthew 14:22-36, NKJV

29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

Matthew 14:22-36, NKJV

31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

Matthew 14:22-36, NKJV

33 Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

Matthew 14:22-36, NKJV

34 When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret.

Matthew 14:22-36, NKJV

35 And when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought all their sick to him 36 and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

Matthew 14:24, NKJV

But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

- Storms are **INEVITABLE**.
- Storms are **IMPARTIAL**.
- Storms are **UNPREDICTABLE**.

1. GOD'S PROVIDENCE COULD HAVE PLACED YOU THERE

Matthew 14:22, NKJV

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side...

2. HIS PRAYERS WILL PROTECT YOU

Matthew 14:23, NKJV

And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray.

Mark 6:48, NKJV

Then He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them.

Matthew 14:24-25, NKJV

But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night...

Genesis 16:11, NIV

The angel of the LORD also said to her: "You are now pregnant and you will give birth to a son. You shall name him Ishmael, for the LORD has heard of your misery."

Genesis 16:13, NIV

She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: “You are the God who sees me,” for she said, “I have now seen the One who sees me.”

Exodus 3:7, NKJV

And the Lord said: “I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows.”

2 Chronicles 16:9, NJKV

For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.

Psalms 34:15, NJKV

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry.

3. HIS PRESENCE COMES TO YOU

Matthew 14:25, NKJV

Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them...

Isaiah 43:1, NKJV

But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine.

Isaiah 43:2, NKJV

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you.

4. HIS POWER IS AVAILABLE

Matthew 14:25, NKJV

Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea.

Matthew 14:30, NKJV

But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

Ephesians 1:17, NKJV

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

Ephesians 1:18, NKJV

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

Ephesians 1:19, NKJV

and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

Ephesians 1:20, NKJV

which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

Ephesians 1:21, NKJV

far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

Ephesians 1:22-23, NKJV

And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

5. HIS PROMISE ASSURES US

Matthew 14:34, NKJV

When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

Philippians 1:6, NLT

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.