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**The New Testament!
Matthew 14:22-33
The Faith of the Best of Believer's!**

All Scripture ESV English Standard Version unless noted!

Matthew 14:22-33 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. 25 And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

28 And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." 29 He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Introduction

In the loaves and fishes study we learned that chapters 14-17 have these themes:

1. Jesus is doing more and more private instruction
2. The failure of the disciples to grasp and respond to Jesus teaching
3. But we began to see true faith and growth

John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing..

Let's take a quick review of verses 22-27

22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

1. That he might disperse the multitude
2. That he might prevent an uprising
3. To make way for another miracle
4. To gain himself a private opportunity for prayer.

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John just says He went up on a mountain, Matthew and Mark say it was to pray

24 but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them.

25 And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea.

Job 9:8 Who alone stretched out the heavens and trampled the waves of the sea.

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While the Savior was praying on the mountain the boat with the disciples was crossing the sea

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Peter is a pattern of the best believers

We must pray that God in His providence would not allow us to come under great temptations

We surely know what we are capable of

Mark 7:20-23 He went on: "What comes out of a person is what defiles them. 21 For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, 22 adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. 23 All these evils come from inside and defile a person."

No man knows how he shall find his heart under a great temptation

32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Jesus and Peter got in the boat

Faith is a knowing of Jesus as the Son of God and Savior and actually putting our faith, trust and confidence for our salvation in Him and His work and our committing our lives now and in eternity to Him!

Ezra 7:10 For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.

Micah 6:8 He has told you, O man, what is good;

and what does the Lord require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness,

and to walk humbly with your God?

**Isaiah 1:17 NIV Learn to do right;
seek justice.**

Defend the oppressed.

**Defend the cause of the fatherless;
plead the case of the widow.**

**James 1:27 NIV Religion that God our Father accepts as pure
and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their
distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.**

**Romans 12:1-2 NIV Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters
in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice
holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.**

**2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be
transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be
able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing
and perfect will.**

Summary

1. Jesus was tempted to leave His appointed course
2. God's name, Yahweh
3. If Jesus is tempted and knowing what we are capable of...
we must pray that we not be tempted with great
temptations
4. We must get in Jesus' boat and stay in the boat...