

Your Inability and Christ's Ability

Matthew 14:1-21

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Main Point:

Jesus will sometimes put you in situations that reveal your inability; in these times, bring your weakness to Him knowing that He'll provide enabling grace.

1. Jesus will sometimes put you in situations that reveal your inability.
2. In your weakness, you will see Jesus as the omnipotent Son of God who gives you enabling grace.
3. Bring your weakness to Jesus knowing that He'll provide enabling grace.

Quotations and Cross-References

James Montgomery Boice "Since Jesus knew the nature of the problem and was already aware of what he was going to do, the only reason he said what he did was to impress on the disciples that they could do nothing by themselves."

John 15:5 ⁵ "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. (NKJV)

Augustine of Hippo "O Lord, command what you will and give what you command."

2 Corinthians 12:9 ⁹ ... "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." ... (NKJV)

Isaiah 40:28-31 ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the weak, And to *those who have* no might He increases strength. ³⁰ Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, ³¹ But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew *their* strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint. (NKJV)

Hebrews 4:14-16 ¹⁴ Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are, yet* without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (NKJV)