

Three things to notice about Peter's prayer:

1. It's **Shortness**

"And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words." Matthew 6:7

2. It's **Source**

"1: Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:1-2

3. It's **Sincerity**

"...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." James 5:16b

IV. **REJOICE** IN GOD'S PROTECTION (14:32-33)

"I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety." Psalm 4:8

God is the only **true** source of protection.

ACCEPT JESUS INVITATION TO COME TODAY!!

"...the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out." John 6:37b

COME ~ FIND IN JESUS WHAT YOU DESIRE IN LIFE

Come To Jesus And Find Faith

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INTRODUCTION

A. Over and over in the Bible Jesus invites you to come to Him. He loves you and is interested in your life. He rose from the grave and offers you an abundant life. Come to Jesus and find what you desire in life.

And remember His promise when you accept His invitation:

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B. This series will help you learn how to:

Apr 16	Come To Jesus And Find Hope
Apr 23	Come To Jesus And Find Rest
TODAY	Come To Jesus And Find Faith
May 7	Come To Jesus And Find Satisfaction

C. **TEXT:** Matthew 14:22-33 (Pew Bible/Pg.960/New Test.)

Faith is **confident** obedience to the Word of God regardless of circumstances or consequences.

HOW TO COME TO JESUS AND FIND FAITH

I. **REALIZE** GOD'S PRESENCE (14:22-27)

- A. These are two kinds of storms: storms of **correction** for discipline and storms of **perfection** for growth (vs 22-24).

"1 Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,

2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me."

3 But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

4 But the LORD sent out a great wind on the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken up." Jonah 1:1-4

"2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing."

James 1:2-4

"Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator." I Peter 4:19

- B. God never promised to keep us **from** trouble, but He did promise to go with us **through** trouble (vs25-27).

"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."

Isaiah 43:2

*"3 Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.
4 In God (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?"*

Psalm 56:3-4

II. **RECEIVE** GOD'S WORD (14:28-29)

- A. Faith is not taking a **blind** step into the darkness of this world, but making a **bold** step into the light of His Word (14:28-29a).

"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3:10

- B. Faith releases God's **power** (14:29b).

"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us," Ephesians 3:20

III. **RELY** ON GOD'S HELP (14:30-31)

- A. We sink in life when we take our eyes off of **God** and put them on our **circumstances** (14:30a).

"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith." I John 5:4

- B. When sinking **pray**, don't panic (14:30b-31).

"Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know."

Jeremiah 33:3