

Buoyant Faith, Deadweight Doubt
Actual Jesus (Gospel of Matthew) – Part 147
Matthew 14:22-36

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- ²² And immediately He compelled the disciples to get into the boat and to precede Him unto the other side, while He released the crowds.
- ²³ And after He released the crowds, He went up into the mountain privately, to pray. And after evening fell,¹ He was there, alone.
- ²⁴ Now the boat already was many stadia² distant from land though tormented by the waves, for the wind was contrary.³
- ²⁵ And on the fourth watch of the night,⁴ He came up to them — walking across the sea!
- ²⁶ But the disciples, seeing Him upon the sea, walking, were shaken,⁵ saying, “It is a ghost!”⁶ And they cried out from fear.
- ²⁷ And immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart, it is I!”⁷ Stop being afraid!”
- ²⁸ And in answer, Peter said, “Lord, if it is You, order me to

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- come up to You across the waters.”
- ²⁹ And He said, “Come!” And, getting down from the boat, Peter began to walk across the waters, and he came up to Jesus.
- ³⁰ But, seeing *that* the wind *was* strong, he became afraid; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!”
- ³¹ And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and⁸ took hold of him; and He says to him, “Little-faith, why⁹ did you doubt?”
- ³² And when they got up into the boat, the wind abated.
- ³³ And those in the boat worshipped Him, saying, “Truly, You are the Son of God!”
- ³⁴ And crossing over, they came to the land, at Gennesaret.
- ³⁵ And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent *word* into all that vicinity, and they brought to Him all those doing¹⁰ badly,
- ³⁶ and they kept urging him that they might only touch the tassel of His coat; and as many as touched were quite saved.¹¹

Pastor Phillips’ ad hoc translation)

HEARING THE WORD

Introduction:

I. _____ing at _____ (Exposition)

A. Prologue (vv. 22-23)

1. _____ dismissal (v. 22)

2. Extended _____ (v. 23)

B. Unfolding _____ (vv. 24- 33)

1. Build-up (vv. 24-25)
 - a. The surprisingly _____ boat (v. 24)

 - b. The _____ hour _____er (v. 25)

¹ Literally *became*.

² A *stadium* was about 607 feet.

³ Or *opposed*.

⁴ Between 3am-6am.

⁵ Or *disturbed*.

⁶ Or *apparition*.

⁷ Or *I am He*.

⁸ Literally *having stretched out the* [used as pronoun] *hand, He...*

⁹ Or *to what end*.

¹⁰ Literally *having*; an idiomatic expression.

¹¹ Or *fully healed*.

2. Climax (vv. 27-32)
 - a. _____ (vv. 26-27)
 - i. Sparked (v. 26)
 - ii. _____ (v. 27)
 - b. _____ (vv. 28-32)
 - i. Flexed (vv. 28-29)
 - ii. F_____ing (v. 30)
 - iii. F_____ed (vv. 31-32)
3. _____ (v. 33)

C. Epilogue (vv. 34-36)

II. Lessons for _____ (Application)

A. Discipleship

1. Jesus' lessons...
2. Jesus' lessons...
3. Jesus' lessons...

B. _____

C. _____

1. Faith finds...
2. Faith fixes...
3. Faith fortifies us...