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BIG IDEA | Jesus moves us from fearful to faithful.

Matthew 14:22-24 (NLT)

²² Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home. ²³ After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone.

²⁴ Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves.

Jesus moves us towards our fears.

Matthew 14:25-27 (NLT)

²⁵ About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!"

²⁷ But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!"

Jesus enters into our fears.

Fear...

- **keeps us from recognizing Jesus.**
- **causes us to be terrified of Jesus.**

Matthew 14:28-31 (NLT)

²⁸ Then Peter called to him, “Lord, if it’s really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water.”

²⁹ “Yes, come,” Jesus said.

So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. “Save me, Lord!” he shouted.

³¹ Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. “You have so little faith,” Jesus said. “Why did you doubt me?”

Jesus calls us to trust Him with our fears.

Matthew 14:32-34 (NLT)

³² When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. ³³ Then the disciples worshiped him. “You really are the Son of God!” they exclaimed.

³⁴ After they had crossed the lake, they landed at Gennesaret.

Jesus moves us away from our fears and towards fulfillment of our mission.

GROUPS QUESTIONS:

1. What stood out to you most about this week's sermon?
2. Why do we tend to look for a way out instead of focusing on finding a way through when we are facing something difficult?
3. Read Matthew 14:25-27. Why do our fears prevent us from recognizing Jesus and cause us to be terrified of Jesus? In what ways have you experienced this in your own life?
4. Read Matthew 14:28-31. How do we let our feelings distract us and cause us to doubt? What is a practical way to avoid allowing doubt to distract us?
5. Why is it easier to concentrate on our fears rather than on what God will accomplish on the other side of those fears?
6. In what area do you need to allow God to turn you into the wind so that He can help you take off on a mission for Him?