

**HOW CAN WE ENDURE THE DIFFICULTIES
WE FACE FOR FOLLOWING JESUS?
A LESSON IN TRUE FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD
Matthew 14:22-33**

- I. *Recognize* **WHEN WE OBEY JESUS, DIFFICULT TRIALS MAY COME: Jesus sends His disciples into a great storm and goes to pray (22-24)**

- II. *Realize* **JESUS WANTS YOU TO KNOW HE SEES OUR STRUGGLE, IS RIGHT THERE ALONGSIDE AND DEEPLY CARES: Jesus comes to the disciples in the midst of the storm walking on water and encourages them to trust Him (25-27)**
 - A. Jesus saw their struggle and came to them walking on the water, intending to walk by so they could see Him (Mark 6:46-48b, 25,)

 - B. Jesus responds to their great fear with two commands based on His true identity: **"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."** (26-27)

- III. *Learn from* **PETERS' GREAT FAITH AND LITTLE FAITH: Obey Jesus, trust Him, keep your eyes on Him, and He will deliver you (28-31)**
 - A. Peter's amazing statement and Jesus response: **"Come"** (28-29a)

 - B. Peter steps out in great faith, then pulls his eyes off Christ and begins to sink (29-30a)

 - C. Peter requests to be saved and Jesus immediately saves him (30b-31a)

 - D. Jesus graciously reproves Peter and maybe us: **"Why did you doubt?"** (31b, 30)

- IV. *Learn from* **THE DISCIPLES RESPONSE: Worship of Jesus! (32-33)**