



# Water Walkers Accept Fear as the Price of Growth

## INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Morning

June 20, 2010

**Scripture Reading:** James 1.2-8

### Introduction:

Spiritual life is rarely calm. When we are challenged spiritually...it is not always pleasant. Fearful situations can and will come up. How can we respond successfully?

### I. A Look at Our Text

- A. Matthew 14.25-27 – the disciples are about to learn the greatest lesson they would ever receive – \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus during the storm.

### II. Understanding Fear

- A. Wayne Grovenberg: *How can you be a success, if you have never tried anything?*
- B. Courage is not the absence of fear – it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of fear.
- C. Fear is a defense mechanism.

### III. Mastering Our Fear

- A. In spiritual matters, we often face the fear of rejection.
- B. How can we start to win? \_\_\_\_\_ yourself.
1. What does the voice inside you say when fear sets in?
  2. Focus your mind on those messages...write them down.
  3. Ask: *What is the worst that can happen?*
- C. Understand there will be \_\_\_\_\_ in life..
1. Courage does not expect \_\_\_\_\_!
- D. The storms of life and spiritual challenges we face are really where God is at work.
1. He seeks to reveal Himself in His saving, keeping, and preserving power. See Psalm 37.3-5; 23-26; 39-40
  2. Trials have a \_\_\_\_\_. James 1:2-4; 4:7-8a, 1 Corinthians 10.13; Hebrews 13:5-6

### Conclusion

- A. Only later would the disciples look back on that night & realize it was a lesson to teach them about growth and trust in God.
- B. The fear we experience can teach us to grow and trust more in God.
- C. Are you His child? If not, why not?

### ANSWERS

Purpose	Setbacks
Trusting	Perfection
Study	Mastery

### My Notes