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TITLE Walking on Water

SERIES Jesus said and did a lot of memorable, meaningful and miraculous things during His life on earth. Each one of those things revealed something different about Him, but do they prove that Jesus is who He says He is?

Life is full of storms. Yet it is often through these storms that we as Christians can experience God's presence in a way not possible during times of peace and plenty. Today David shows us how Jesus can be the defining element in life in the midst of the storm!

1. In today's sermon, Dave described miracles and signs. Miracles are less common acts of God. Signs are miracles that prove the identity of Jesus. Have you ever experienced a miracle in your life or have you ever experienced a sign from God that confirmed Jesus' identity or presence in your life? How was it a game changer in your faith?
2. Storms will come
 - a. Recall a time when a storm came into your life because of an unwise choice or your own sin. Have you repented of it? If not read, 1 John 1:9. If so, but you are still haunted by it, read Romans 8:1
 - b. Read Isaiah 46:8-11. In what ways does knowing God's purposes for you will be accomplished, bring comfort in the midst of any storm?
3. Fear
 - a. Read Joshua 1:9, 1 Samuel 17:46-49, Psalm 56:3,4. What do you discover in these verses that serve to bolster your courage to face or obliterate your fears?
 - b. Read Job 28:28. What are some differences between the fear of God and the fear of other things that lead to hysteria or becoming a control freak?
4. Jesus comes near
 - a. Read Deuteronomy 31:6. Recount a time in your walk with Jesus that He was present in the storm. How does recalling that bring you encouragement and trust for a current storm? Or have you allowed your present storm to push what He has done for you in past storms blinded you to His presence?
5. He calms
 - a. Read Psalm 92:2. How does knowing and experiencing the peace of the Lord Jesus cause you to flourish in spirit, mind, and emotion?
6. Share a time when a storm came and your confidence in God's greatness was shaken, causing you to plan/control your own way out of it. Fear creates spiritual amnesia. Share stories of God's faithfulness and all He has done in your life to remind yourself and others that He is with you.

We serve a God who chases after us! Jesus' presence is blind to those with a hard heart!

Pray and write it down John 6:20 (Do not be afraid) and ask a friend to remind you over the next 2 weeks!