



# Everyday FAITH Family Page

## New Testament 2 Jesus Shows He Is True God

### Law/Gospel

The First Commandment tells me that I should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. **Jesus kept the First Commandment perfectly for me, and when I sink in unbelief, His faithful hand grabs me, pulls me up, and forgives me.**

### Bible Words

[Jesus says,] "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

Matthew 14:27

### Dig Deeper

**How do we pray?** Sometimes we pray quickly and desperately, as Peter did in this account. Some prayers are written for worship or memorized, such as the Lord's Prayer or Luther's Morning Prayer. At other times, we pray to God freely, telling Him our concerns and anxieties, and asking for His help because He cares for us (1 Peter 5:7). We pray in Jesus' name as He told us (John 14:13–14). We pray for His will to be done. We pray with confidence that the Lord answers and gives what we ask or something better. We pray without ceasing and thank and praise God in all circumstances (1 Thessalonians 5:16–18).

## Jesus Walks on Water

Matthew 14:22–33

**B**y now, Jesus' disciples had seen Him do unbelievable but undeniable miracles. He healed any ailment people had, showed power over nature, and even brought the dead back to life.

After shredding the laws of nature by feeding 5,000 men plus women and children with five small loaves and two small fish, Jesus made His disciples get into a boat and head for the other side of the lake. John 6:15 says Jesus did this because the people wanted to make Him king by force. Jesus dismissed the crowds and went up the mountain alone to pray.

When evening came, Jesus was alone. A long way from land, the boat struggled against the wind and battled the waves. In the fourth watch, between 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., Jesus went to His disciples, walking on the sea. The disciples saw Him and thought He was a ghost. They were terrified!

Jesus cried out, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:27).

Peter demanded proof. "If it is You, command me to come to You on the water." Jesus said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on water to Jesus. Then he saw the wind and waves and felt afraid. Beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately obliged and said, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they entered the boat, the wind ceased (cf. vv. 28–32).

In response, the disciples worshiped Jesus, saying "Truly You are the Son of God" (v. 33).

The testimonies of many people and Jesus' own words and miracles reveal that He is the Messiah and God. Faith in Jesus as our Savior, a gift of the Holy Spirit working through God's Word and Sacraments, saves us from sin and gives us the promise of a new, eternal life with our Lord.

### Prayer

*Lord, save us when we drown in sin, doubt, anxiety, or pain. Give us faith to trust and follow You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*