



**New Year's Eve - Sunday, December 31, 2017**

- A. Peter getting out of the boat and walking on the water with Jesus is one of the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ of extreme \_\_\_\_\_ in scripture.

Matthew 14:22-26 AMPC Then He directed the disciples to get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent away the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after He had dismissed the multitudes, He went up into the hills by Himself to pray. When it was evening, He was still there alone. <sup>24</sup> But the boat was by this time out on the sea, many furlongs [a furlong is one-eighth of a mile] distant from the land, beaten and tossed by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And in the fourth watch [between 3:00—6:00 a.m.] of the night, Jesus came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup> And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified and said, It is a ghost! And they screamed out with fright.

## B. OBSERVATIONS

1. It is not so much what you've \_\_\_\_\_ that will get you through the storms, but rather what you \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Often in a \_\_\_\_\_ tormented by waves of disappointment and doubt, we are no better at recognizing His \_\_\_\_\_ than they were.
3. Fear will blind you to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Mark 6:45-49 NKJV Immediately He made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He sent the multitude away. <sup>46</sup> And when He had sent them away, He departed to the mountain to pray. <sup>47</sup> Now when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea; and He was alone on the land. <sup>48</sup> Then He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them. Now about the fourth watch of the night, He came to them, walking on the sea, and would have passed them by. <sup>49</sup> And when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed it was a ghost, and cried out.

Word Nugget: A *“theophany”* is a defining moment when God makes striking and temporary appearances in the earthly realm to a select individual or group for the purpose of communicating a message.

1 Kings 19:9-18 NKJV

C. God passes by Elijah to demonstrate that the still, small voice is the \_\_\_\_\_ in all \_\_\_\_\_.

D. The still, small voice is the \_\_\_\_\_.

E. The Word of God \_\_\_\_\_ the presence of God.

Psalms 23:1-6 NKJV The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

## THERE IS A PATTERN

A. With each person, God was calling them to do something \_\_\_\_\_.

B. In each situation, the person that God called felt \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Every time that people said \_\_\_\_\_ to their calling, they experienced the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in their lives.

D. In each experience, \_\_\_\_\_ was no guarantee of being spared \_\_\_\_\_.

E. Jesus was saying to Boat Potatoes:

1. You can \_\_\_\_\_ Me.
2. You know My \_\_\_\_\_ and My competence.
3. You can safely place your \_\_\_\_\_ in My hand.

*\*All scriptures are from the NKJV translation unless otherwise noted.*

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- Woodmen Campus (Women) - Tuesday @ 9:30a
- South Campus – Tuesday @ 6:45p
- Woodmen Campus - Wednesday @ 6:45p