



## Peter: No Sked Um, Go Get Um

Close Encounter Series Part 1

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Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it (Matthew 14:22 – 24 NIV).

### **When we have a close encounter with Jesus we . . .**

#### **1. Respond to His Call Out of Our Comfort Zone**

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, (Matthew 14:25 – 28a NIV).

#### **2. Get Empowered Beyond our Natural Abilities**

walked on the water and came toward Jesus (v.28b)

#### **3. Keep Our Eyes on Jesus not on our Circumstances**

But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" (v. 30)

#### **4. Trust He'll Pick Us Up When We Fall**

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God (v. 31 – 32)."

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand (Isaiah 41:10 NIV).

### **Discussion Questions (to follow)**

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