

August 27 | Sunday
Peter: Walking on Water
Read [Matthew 14:22-36](#)



28 | Mon – Up close and personal | Read [Matthew 8:14-17](#)

Peter was married. His home was a frequent stopping place for Jesus and the other disciples. He had seen Jesus perform many miracles but this may have been the first time Jesus' healing power had impacted Peter personally. What effect do you think this miracle might have had on Peter and his whole family? Have you ever seen God do something dramatic that changed you and the people around you?

29 | Tue – Limited vision | Read [Mark 1:32-39](#)

Verse 37 hints that Peter may have wanted to stick close to home instead of sharing what Jesus could do in other locations. Jesus had just come from a serious prayer time and he knew his purpose was to preach everywhere God would lead him. Peter seemed, like we sometimes do, to have a very small view of what God can and wants to do for the whole world. How can you broaden your view of who else needs to hear the good news Jesus offers?

30 | Wed – Don't hide it when you don't know it | Read [Matthew 15:10-16](#)

There were times when Jesus' disciples did not understand his teaching but they had the advantage of an "after sermon" Q&A. Peter did not care if people knew he didn't understand things. Maybe others kept their ignorance a secret but not Peter. It is a wonderful quality to be honest and what better place to go to ask your questions than to the One who knows everything. What questions are you wrestling with right now?

31 | Thu – The real life connection | Read [Psalm 107:23-31](#) and [Mark 4:35-41](#)

This psalm was probably very familiar to Peter and the other disciples. But words are just words until it happens to you. **They** were the ones in the storm, fearing for their lives, yet Jesus spoke and completely calmed the storm, immediately. Have you ever had a familiar scripture suddenly come alive to you because it applied to your current situation?

01 | Fri – Ghosts | Read [Matthew 14:21-26](#)

Did you ever tell or listen to ghost stories or watch scary movies when you were a kid? Imagine yourself in a boat, on a lake in the dark on a windy night and something you can't explain is happening. How often do the scary or frightening things in our lives rob us of a wonderful encounter with Jesus? The wind and waves could not stop him. Can you trust Jesus to give you the strength and courage to keep going in the middle of your storm?

02 | Sat – Oops | Read [Matthew 4:27-43](#)

There is a saying..."in over your head"...which means you are trying to do something way outside of your ability. So here is Peter going from "it's a ghost" to "it's our teacher" to "hey, let me do what you are doing." His downfall came when his attention switched from the source of his ability to walk on the water (Jesus) to the fact that it is impossible to do what he was doing! That's when he began to flounder. Have you ever 'jumped out of the boat' at God's invitation only to second guess your abilities? Remember, Jesus isn't asking you to do something on your own; he is asking you to come and walk **with him**.