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Matthew 14:22-33

Throughout His ministry, Jesus repeatedly commended people for faith and reproved others for a lack of it. Faith is of great importance because it's required for salvation. It's also essential after we're saved, as we are to continue living by faith—that is, by the firm conviction God will do what He has promised. This requires us to stay focused on the Lord. If we take our eyes off Jesus and start looking at circumstances, our confidence in Him could begin to wobble.

A good example is Peter's experience of walking on the Sea of Galilee. He started out confident, but as soon as he looked away from Jesus and saw the wind, human reasoning took over. The apostle thought, *People can't walk on water!*—and his faith faltered. We're just like Peter when we know what God has said but try to add our logic to His commands.

Another reason we falter is that when we focus on the circumstances instead of on Christ, little problems can seem huge and start to dominate our thoughts. That's why we must consider every situation in the light of our great God, who can handle anything and everything.

Sometimes the problem is that we can't see God in our circumstances. He's promised to take care of us, but He may provide in a way other than what we want. Or, we may think the Lord couldn't possibly be in the midst of a difficult or painful situation. But He is, and He works

everything for our good if we belong to Him (Rom. 8:28).

Are you walking by faith or relying on your senses and reasoning? Walking by sight brings anxiety and fear, but faith produces peaceful confidence.

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