

## **AD Pt. 6- In the midst of the Storm**

***22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. 23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, 24 and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.***

***25 Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.***

***27 But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."***

***28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."***

***29 "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"***

***32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." Matthew 14:22-32***

The point is not Jesus walking on water, the point is not Peter walking on water, the point is that truly Jesus is the son of God.

***14 After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." 15 Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself. John 6:14-15***

***13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. Luke 4:13***

***8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." Matthew 4:8-9***

We tend to be at our most vulnerable when we are at our most confident.

We rarely see God hand of provision in the midst of obedience.

***The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Deuteronomy 31:8***

While he concentrated on Jesus, Peter walked on water, when he focused on walking on water, he sank.

Sometimes the the most obedient place to be is in the middle of the storm.

The most important place to be is where Jesus is going not where he has been.

*immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading. John 6:21*

Most of our doubt problems in life arise from our simple lack of obedience problem.