



Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Day 3: Verse 1

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

Scripture Reference

"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, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

- *Matthew 14: 28-29*



As we pick up the story today, Peter is asking Jesus to have him come to Jesus on the water. Peter didn't just walk out on the water towards Jesus. He also didn't ask Jesus if he had to come to Him. Rather, Peter asks Jesus to lead him in obedience. Obedience over safety, certainty, convenience. Staying on the boat would be so much easier, so much safer, and yet, Peter asks Jesus to push him. In our own lives, do we really find ourselves asking God to lead us, push us, encourage us to obedience over safety, certainty, or convenience?

Have you ever invited Jesus to ask you to venture out of your comfort zone? How are you approaching Jesus with a heart of obedience? In what ways is Jesus asking you, or you inviting Jesus to ask you, to leave your safety, certainty, or convenience?

Peter is speaking to Jesus as Jesus is standing on the water. Thus, Peter knew walking on water was possible for Jesus. But Peter didn't know if he could walk on water or if his feet would fail. Peter trusted, however, that if Jesus called him on the water, he would find Jesus. Even in the midst of the mystery of walking on water, Peter knew he'd find Jesus. No matter the challenge in our life, if we are obedient to Jesus, we will find Him in the mystery. And in finding Him, we'll learn more about Him and ourselves. Our faith will stand.

In those moments of living outside your comfort zone for Jesus, how have you found Jesus? How have you seen Him more clearly? What have you learned about Him? What did He teach you about yourself? How does your faith stand stronger because of those moments?



Jesus's response to Peter: "Come." In that statement, we don't see any explanations to Peter; we don't find any how-to's. Just a simple command to come. In our own lives, callings may come in the same way - no explanations, no how-to's, no detailed roadmap. He may call us out on the water, into the great unknown, where very easily our feet may fail. Just an invitation - that we can choose to follow or to ignore.

In what ways in your life has Jesus said "Come" to you? Did you accept His invitation? Did you feel He gave many instructions or explanations surrounding the calling? What areas of unknown were there surrounding the calling?

Peter accepts Jesus' invitation. He walks on the water toward Jesus. He found Jesus in the mystery. In oceans deep, Peter's faith stood strong. What an amazing thing to walk on water! By trusting Jesus, by being obedient to Jesus, Peter accomplished an amazing thing. A miracle was performed by Jesus through Peter that day. Jesus calls us to amazing things, if only we trust and obey. Not only does He call us, but He uses us for His glory.

End today praying to the Lord that He would show you His perfect will in your life - that He would show you His calling for you in this part of your life. Ask Him for the strength, wisdom, and courage to accept His invitation. Thank Him for all that He does for you and through you via His callings and invitations.
