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## Walking on Water, John 6:16-21

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### Introduction

- Christianity isn't just a way of behaving but a way of being and seeing the world. This story tells us how we should see storms.
    - This story tells us that Jesus is lord of the storm.
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### The Lord is Holy

- They aren't terrified until Jesus shows up because they realize they are in the presence of something supernatural.
    - Why are we terrified by holiness? On the one hand, we desire to encounter God but on the other hand we are afraid of him. Our fear is because of our sin.
    - We decided we'd be our own creators and authorities. So, when you get in the presence of the real thing it is shocking.
  - He's loving but he is holy. He will demand your perfection, purity, and growth. Therefore, his real love will confront.
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### The Lord is Powerful

- Jesus' power over the storm shows that he is powerful enough to deal with the storm inside of you too.
  - Do you ever look at your life and think it's too tangled? He can sort it. Do you think it's too chaotic? He can calm it.

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## The Lord is Inviting You

- It is apparent that Jesus sends them into this storm right after filling them at the feast.
  - First, If Jesus is your Savior then there will be times that he sends you into danger and places where he will seem absent.
  - Second, Jesus doesn't tell them to hold on and it will be over soon. Instead, he tells them that he is with them. That's how he teaches you to deal with the storm.
    - Why does he send the storms? It reveals what your life raft is.
    - The storms show your foundations (Matt. 7).
  - Lastly, sometimes he doesn't get rid of the storm.
    - In Matthew and Mark, Jesus tells Peter to come out and meet him. Jesus doesn't calm the storm but he empowers them to overcome the storm and walk through it.
    - George MacDonald said that Christ suffered not so that we might not suffer but that when we suffer we might become like him.

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## Conclusion

- During storms the worst thing you can do is go downstairs and go to sleep. You have to hold on to the rudder, you have to hold on to the steering wheel, and when the storm is over you'll find if you've held on to the rudder, the wind will have gotten you closer to your destination than you ever would have been if the storm hadn't come up.
  - What does that mean? The Bible calls it waiting on the Lord. It means obey what you know. It means trust in him.

## End Notes