

BE A BRINGER

"40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus...." John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

"Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;...." I Samuel 12:23a



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Tom & Janice Crawford | Indonesia

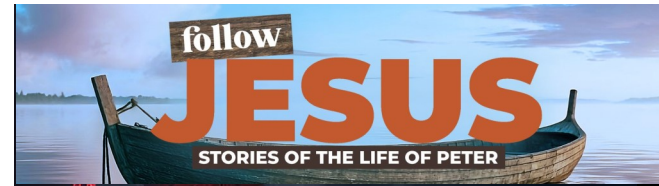


PRAY

- Pray for the churches of South Nias. They are attempting to navigate a transition to Independent churches since they were dropped by their original sending church.
- Pray for new leadership to step up in Nias and at Simply Jesus Baptist Church.
- Pray for Sunday School to start at Simply Jesus Church to teach children.
- Pray for the completion of the Junior High School in Batam. The 1st floor is done but there are plans to continue a 2nd and 3rd floor. They need extra finances to finish the project.
- Pray for the class that Tom teaches on Monday nights. Pray that they will catch a passion for the Lord and a greater desire to share the Gospel.

PRAISE

- Praise God that Pastor Yanuar and Pastor April are being ordained by their churches.



Handout: 10/19/25

Study Date: 10/26/25

In The Storm: A Story Of Faith

In the narrative of Matthew 14:29, we witness a profound moment where Peter, one of Jesus' disciples, dares to step out of the boat and walk on water towards Jesus. This event unfolds after Jesus performs the miracle of feeding the 5,000 and retreats to pray, sending His disciples ahead of Him. The pivotal phrase "Come" uttered by Jesus serves as an invitation for Peter to exercise faith and venture into the unknown, symbolizing a call for all believers to trust in God's guidance.

As Peter courageously descends from the safety of the boat, his action embodies the initial leap of faith and reliance on Jesus. The miraculous act of walking on water not only defies natural laws but also underscores the transformative power of unwavering faith in Christ. By moving towards Jesus on the water, Peter exemplifies the importance of directing our faith towards the source of our strength, highlighting the significance of focusing on Jesus amidst life's tumultuous circumstances.

The essence of faith exemplified by Peter's bold step finds resonance in other biblical passages such as Hebrews 11:1, emphasizing the confidence in the unseen, and Isaiah 41:10, reassuring believers of God's constant presence and support. Similarly, Philippians 4:13 underscores the notion of finding strength through Christ, mirroring the empowerment that stems from unwavering faith. These verses collectively reinforce the theme of reliance on God's guidance and the transformative nature of faith.

In contemporary times, individuals are often confronted with situations that demand a leap of faith into the unknown, akin to Peter's daring act on the water. The story serves as a poignant reminder for believers to anchor their trust in Jesus, especially amidst life's uncertainties and challenges. By confronting fears and doubts with steadfast faith, individuals can navigate through turbulent times, drawing inspiration from Peter's initial success and subsequent falter, which mirrors the human struggle with doubt and the necessity of continual trust in God.

Resource: Godsblessing.com

KEY VERSE

Matthew 14:29 (NKJV)

So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

Read Matthew 14:22-33 Every Day

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Matthew 14:22-24; Jonah 1:1-4; I Peter 1:6-7

Recognize God's Storms

1. What do we learn from the story of Jonah 1:1-4? Why did he try to flee to Tarshish and what was the Lord's response to this disobedience?
2. What does I Peter 1:6-7 teach us about the practice of our faith? How are we called to respond when it is tested in the storms of life?

Tuesday: Matthew 14:25-27; Isaiah 43:2; John 16:33

Realize God's Presence

3. In Matthew 14:26 what was the *first* reaction of the disciples when they saw Jesus walking on the water? Did they recognize Him immediately?
4. What is the glorious promise that we are given in Isaiah 43:2? *Who* will be with us when we go through the storms of life?

Wednesday: Matthew 14:28-29; Romans 10:17; Isaiah 6:8

Receive God's Word

5. How should the act of Peter in Matthew 14:28-29 be inspiring to us as followers of Christ? How can we grow our faith to the same level as Peter?
6. What *action* was Isaiah called to upon hearing the voice of the Lord? What *action* does this verse call YOU to and how will you respond? (Isaiah 6:8)

Thursday: Matt. 6:7, 14:30-31; Jer. 33:3; Heb. 12:1-2; Ja. 5:16

Rely On God's Help

7. What do we learn about our God from when Peter steps out into the water? Even when our faith is shaken *Who* will be there to help us? (Matt. 14:30)
8. What can we learn from Peter's experience on the water? What do we need to remember from the above verse when the storm is at it's worst?
9. Jeremiah 33:3 starts with "*Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things.*" How should this promise comfort us as believers?

Friday: Matthew 14:32-33; Psalm 4:8

Rejoice In God's Protection

10. "*When they got into the boat, the wind ceased*" according to Matthew 14:32. What does this show us about Jesus' love towards His disciples?
11. What absolute truth is David conveying in Psalm 4:8 in regard to the Lord's protection? Is there any other source that can provide more?
12. What level of faith are YOU at when it comes to trusting in the Lord to keep you safe? Are you at David's level or do you need to add more?