

“The Dangers In Losing Focus”

Mission Bible Study

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Matthew 14:27-31

²⁴ But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

²⁸ And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

²⁹ And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

³⁰ But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

³¹ And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

Three Dangers In Losing Your Focus:

- 1. Makes you miss your goal**
- 2. Causes you to focus on your inadequacies**
- 3. Causes your faith to waver**

LESSON #1: Makes You Miss Your Goal

❖ **Matthew 14:28-30**

- **The Goal was for Peter to get to Jesus by walking on water, but he didn't reach his goal because he lost sight of it**
- **It is our job to know how we'll reach our goal, but to have enough faith to trust God that we will reach it**
- **In life, we sometime fall short of our goal because we sometime believe the goal is too huge for us to reach**

LESSON # 2: Causes You to Focus on Your Inadequacies

❖ **Matthew 14:29-30**

- **Peter got distracted. He allowed outside interference to deter him of his goal**
- **Distractions will cause you to remind you of your inabilities and lose focus on where your help comes from...God**

LESSON # 3: Causes Your Faith to Waiver

❖ **Matthew 14:31**

- **Sometimes we ask for things from God that our faith can't handle – in other words, we do not have enough faith to believe that God will come through**