



## Against the Wind

WK 60 Mt. 14:22-56

**WARM UP:** *Have you ever been afraid to do something but did it anyways? What helped you face and overcome your fear? What scares you the most right now? Why that?*

Fear. We all have it, and we all deal with it in different ways. Some face their fear head-on and deal with it as it comes. Others, not so much. They run from it and hope it goes away but it seldom does. Fear has a way of finding you, but you never have to face it alone. That is truth that should give us not only great comfort, but it should also give us great courage.

The God who said that he would never leave or forsake us meant exactly that. He never leaves us to face our fear alone. He also helps us overcome them.

### **READ ABOUT IT: Matt. 14:22-36**

1. *When Jesus and his disciples finish feeding the crowd, why does Jesus send his disciples on ahead without him? What does Jesus do when he is finally able to be alone? How long does he stay there?*
2. *While Jesus is praying on the mountain top, what are the disciples doing?*
3. *How long have they been battling the wind and the waves? When was the last time you felt like everything was going against you?*
4. *When the disciples see Jesus walking towards them on the water, how do they react? What are they afraid of? How does Jesus calm their fears?*
5. *What is Jesus trying to accomplish here? What reaction is he looking for from his disciples? What does he get from the disciples? What does he get from Peter?*
6. *How do you explain Peter's sudden change in heart? What do you think encouraged him to face his fear?*
7. *If Jesus had told you to "come", how would you have responded: just kidding, let me think about it, or stayed in the boat with the others?*
8. *What happens when Peter stays focused on Jesus? What happens when he doesn't?*
9. *Read 1 Peter 1:6-9. What did Peter learn from this experience and the other failures that would follow?*
10. *What storms has Jesus sent you into lately? How have you responded?*