

Introduction:

Text: Matthew 14:22-33

A. What can we learn from Peter's encounter with Jesus?

1. Peter **Recognized** Jesus' voice (vv. 27-28)
2. Peter **Responded** to Jesus' command by faith (v. 29)
3. Peter **Reacted** in fear and doubt when his focus was not on Jesus (vv. 30-31)
4. Peter and the other disciples **Realized** who Jesus is and worshiped Him (v.32)

B. Life Application: As Christians, to overcome doubt by faith, we should...

1. Know Him

Insight for living: To **know** Jesus through reading the Bible and prayer will help us discern Jesus' voice from other voices that may only distract us, deceive us, or discourage us.

2. Obey Him

Insight for living: To **obey** Jesus' words and commands, and to hold on to His promises is the key to experiencing everything that He has for our lives.

3. Reach Out to Him

Insight for Living: Even at times when we lose **focus** on Jesus and allow fear and doubt to control our reactions, Jesus' hands is always there to **lift** us up.

4. Worship Him

Insight for Living: As Christians, our grateful response in realizing who Jesus is through what He has done in and through our lives is genuine **worship**.

Conclusion:

1. What is the difference between doubting and questioning?
2. Name some of God's attributes revealed in the Bible that makes Him trustworthy? Please explain.
3. Please give your response to this quote, *"If God would concede me His omnipotence (God is all-powerful) for 24 hours, you would see how many changes I would make in the world. But if He gave me His wisdom too, I would leave things as they are."*
- Jacques Marie Louis Monsabre
4. Read Matthew 14:22-33 and answer the following questions below:
 - a. Imagine that you were with the terrified disciples in the boat (vv.22-26). How would you react? Describe what you would see, hear and feel.
 - b. How is Peter's experience of walking on water with Jesus a vivid picture of faith and doubt?
 - c. When are you most tempted to take your eyes off the Lord Jesus and sink in doubt?
 - d. In verse 33 the disciples worship Jesus and declared, *"Truly you are the Son of God."* Share a time in your life when you have experienced Jesus' miraculous intervention in your life, circumstance, or situation that has led you to worship Him.

PRAY