**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr October 22, 2023**

**Faith That Overcomes Our Fear**

Matthew 14:22-33

**Key Truth:** We have no reason to fear because no matter what circumstances we face, Jesus remains faithful.

**Peter And The Disciples Encounter With Jesus On The Water:**

1. Jesus comforted them when they were fearful.

2. Jesus caught Peter when doubt caused him to fall.

3. Jesus calmed the stormed when they placed their faith in

 Him.

4. Jesus’ power and presence in the storm caused them to

 worship Him as the Son of God. Matthew 8:26-27, Matthew 14:33

**What We Learn:**

1. Even when it seems like we are alone, we are not!

 Matthew 28:20

2. Even though the storm is raging in your life, there is an

 expiration date.

3. Our momentary lapse in faith doesn’t define our relationship

 with Jesus.

4. Jesus loves you too much to let you drown.

 A. He won’t let you drown in sorrow.

 B. He won’t let you drown in worry.

 C. He won’t let you drown in fear.

 D. He won’t let you drown in failure.

5. When sinking, you must cry out to Jesus in faith.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Remember Jesus’s past faithfulness to you and allow it to propel you into a closer relationship with Him. Don’t allow your storm to distract you from Jesus’ power and presence.

**Connection Group Homework:**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

The three most common fears among adults are the fear of flying, the fear of public speaking, and the fear of heights. Of these three, which do you fear the most? If none, what is your greatest fear?

Where do you think fear comes from?

How is fear different in the life of a Christian than in a non-Christian?

Read Matthew 14:28-31: What do you think about Peter in this story? Can you relate to him? How?

What do you think was the progression of Peter’s thoughts as he went from walking to sinking?

What caused Peter to lose his trust in Jesus?

Read Hebrews 11:1: According to this verse, how should we define faith? How do we see the disciples learning this kind of faith in our story?

Read Romans 8:35–39: Why do those who follow Jesus have no reason to fear?

In what situations do you feel you have strong faith? Weak faith? Why?

How can we learn to trust Jesus more? What actions show that we trust Jesus in all circumstances?