

LIFE APP

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John 6:16-21: Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, got into the boat, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was already dark, and Jesus had not come to them. Then the sea arose because a great wind was blowing. So when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and they were afraid. But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." 21 Then they willingly received Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.

LIFE GROUP / PERSONAL STUDY:

Life is a voyage, and it can be fraught with storms. Jesus showed his disciples that he was literally weatherproof! He was unaffected by the darkness, the danger and the distance from the shore. God wants to comfort you, to bring you strength, and infuse you with courage in the midst of difficult times. Your Heavenly Father knows exactly where you are and how you are doing in the thick of it. Jesus' miracles offer proof that He is who He says He is, and He wants you to depend on Him. Who's on the boat with you?

1A) PERSONAL: Recall a recent storm in your life.

1B) PERSONAL: Faith is a mind-set that expects God to act. Describe your expectations of and prayers to God during this time. Did you find comfort and peace as a result?

Read John 6:16-21 and Matthew 14:22-32

2A) These are two different accounts of the same event. What similarities do you find in the two narratives?

2B) Briefly list additional details that the two versions do not share.

3) Where did Jesus go after he dismissed the disciples and all of the people? (Matt 14:23)

4) PERSONAL: Have you developed the discipline of spending time alone with God? Describe what this looks like for you.

5A) What does Jesus say to the disciples in John 6:20?

5B) PERSONAL: Picture in your mind something that is troubling you. Now repeat Jesus' words over and over, blending His words with your situation. Note any feelings that you experience.

6) What do you learn from Jesus's words in the following verses?

Matthew 6:32-

Matthew 11:28-

Matthew 28:20-

John 14:3-

John 14:27-

John 15:9-

7) PERSONAL: When you experience fear, do you try to deal with it yourself or do you let Jesus deal with it?

8) PERSONAL: How has the miracle of Jesus walking on water made an impression on you?

ACT: When we are under attack, whether physically, emotionally or spiritually, it is so easy to be consumed with fear and anxiety. We need to understand that God works with purpose, for purpose and on purpose. We may not understand why we are going through a particular hardship, but by putting our trust in God we can have peace as we endure it. Get your eyes off the storm and put them on Jesus.

Daily Devotional: It always helps to look at the context of the passage. Then try to answer the following questions about the passage. Who is involved? What is going on? Where is the action taking place? When? How can this concept apply to my life? Why is it important? Also look for Commands, Warnings, and Examples to follow or not to follow.

- This week let's explore passages that reassure us that God's comfort and protection are with us during life's storms.

Monday:

Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Tuesday:

Isaiah 43:2 NIV

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

Wednesday:

Philippians 4:8-9 NIV

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me — put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Thursday:

John 14:27 NIV

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

Friday:

Psalms 34:4 NIV

I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

Saturday:

Isaiah 41:10 NIV

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Sunday:

Job 37:5-7, 13 NIV

God's voice thunders in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding. He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth,' and to the rain shower, 'Be a mighty downpour.' So that everyone he has made may know his work... He brings the clouds ... to water his earth and show his love.

