

THE GOSPEL

31419 I like to use KJV Bible with Strong's Greek words.

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OF JESUS CHRIST

Born Of The HOLY SPIRIT

JESUS CALLS PETER TO WALK WITH HIM ON THE STORMY WATER.

Matthew 14:22 "And straightway JESUS constrained His disciples to get into a ship, and to go before Him unto the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

(straightway: eutheos, yoo-theh'-oce = directly, at once. Constrained: anankazo, an-ang-kad'-zo = to necessitate, compel to go. (so this was His will for His disciples to get into this ship and go out into this sea before Him. He would come to them out there. And they would go to Bethsaida successfully. Sometimes we wonder if God has sent us somewhere alone, but He is always coming to us even in the rough waters of our life).

14:23 "And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, He was there alone. (Mountain: oros, from oro = to rise or rear up. The hills around the Sea of Galilee can rise to 1,400' above Sea level, but the Golan Heights Mountains (The Decapolis) reach 2,500'. And even when JESUS went off alone, He was praying, sometimes late into the night. In Isaiah 53:12 "...and He made intercession for the transgressors: pasha, paw-shah' those who break away from GOD, apostatize, revolt. And JESUS Christ intercedes for us, even from Heaven. Romans 8:34, and Hebrews 7:25 "Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto GOD by Him, seeing He ever

liveth to make intercession for them. (intercession: entynchano, en-toong-khan'-o = entreat, Confer with GOD on our behalf. Because JESUS lives forever He has an Unchangeable/Untransferable Priesthood. (Heb 7:24). in Romans 8:26-27, when we receive the Holy Spirit, He prays within us with groanings that cannot be spoken. So, JESUS time spent in prayer is our encouragement to pray for ourselves & for others).

14:24 "But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary (Ship: ploion, ploy'-on =Sailing vessel. The disciples would be busy getting the sails down, as they fought against torturous toppling waves in the middle of the Sea. There are times in our lives when we feel like we are fighting against the wind and waves, and the wind is contrary to us. We were sailing out into a peaceful life, and all of a sudden, a storm rises up against us, and we are struggling to do all we can do to even save our lives).

14:25 "And in the 4th watch of the night JESUS went unto them, walking on the sea. (The Jews adopted the Roman division of the night into 4 watches. The 4th watch would have been between 3 and 6 am. The Sea of Galilee was 5 miles wide, the disciples somewhere in the middle, and

JESUS would have Walked on the Water at least a Couple of Miles into the Sea to Save them. Sometimes when we are in trouble we wonder how JESUS can see or even get to us, but He will even walk on stormy water, when He comes for us, and He will save us, even in the 4th watch: phylake, foo-lak-ay' = cage, hold, watch of the night. Sometimes we may feel like we are in a cage, held against the Sea, but JESUS Comes Walking on the Stormy Waves).

14:26 "And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, it is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. (spirit: phantasma, fan'-tas-mah = spectre, spirit putting on a show. From phantazo, fan-tad'-zo = to make apparent, a spectacle).

14:27 "But straightway JESUS spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. (cheer: tharseo, thar-she'-o = have Courage, comfort. Sometimes JESUS comes to us in ways we do not recognize, so we need Courage to overcome our fears).

14:28 "And Peter answered Him and said, Lord, if it be Thou, bid me come unto Thee on the water. (Sometimes we need JESUS Encouragement to start walking, even on stormy waters, to get to Him. Some want to just stay in the boat and wait).

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Walking on life's stormy waters

Matt 14:28 "And Peter answered Him and said, Lord: the Greek word for Lord: is kyrios, koo'-ree-os, and means Supreme in Authority.

So Peter wanted to be sure it was JESUS before he stepped out of the boat onto the waves. Sometimes our choices look dangerous, and we want to make sure it is the Lord who is calling us forward. Otherwise we would be safer in the boat. If it be Thou, bid me to come.

14:29 "And He said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to JESUS. (Once JESUS says Come, you can have courage to walk through, or on, anything. but you must keep your eyes on JESUS. Of course some, presuming, will tempt God).

14:30 "But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, Save me. (saw: blepo, blep'-o = to look at, regard, take heed. This means he took his eyes off JESUS. **He saw the wind boisterous**: ischyros, is-khoo-ros' = forcible, mighty or mightier, strong or stronger. Even in our most trying times we cannot look at anything as mightier than our GOD & JESUS. Even when our Faith lags, and we feel like we are **beginning to sink**. But at least Peter knew who to cry out to. **He cried, saying, Lord, save**: sozo, sode'-zo = to save, heal, deliver and protect me).

14:31 "And immediately JESUS stretched forth His hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? (As Peter cried, save, JESUS stretches forth His hand,

open to save. **And caught him**: Seize to help, take hold of. JESUS did not say Peter had no faith. **O thou of little faith**: Peter already had a little confidence in JESUS. But Peter's confidence was growing.

Sometimes we have to **little faith** for to great challenges. Peter did have **faith** in JESUS, but got sidetracked by the stormy winds and rising sea waves under his feet. Sometimes we **doubt**: distazo, distad'-zo = to duplicate in our mind, and waver in our opinion. First we think **JESUS** can see me through this, then we see the disturbance, and wonder if He can, and our mind is split between conflicting thoughts, about **JESUS** help. This is called double mindedness. **Jas. 1:6**.

14:32 "And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. (This shows us God was using the wind for the testing of the disciples; even Peter's faith. JESUS Could have Stopped the Wind when He first Said, Come to Peter. But He let it be boisterous. He could have Stopped the Wind when Peter started to sink. He could have Stopped the Wind after He took Peter's hand. He could have Stopped the Wind so they both could get into the Ship. **And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased**: kopoazo, kop-ad'-zo = to tire out, relax. There are some challenges in our Lives, **JESUS just allows it to tire out**. He is still Supreme in Authority, and we have to remember that.

He is true even when things go against us for a time).

14:33 "Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped Him, saying, Of a truth Thou art the Son of GOD. (GOD The Creator Gave HIS SON Power Over Nature. This is how He was able to do so many Miracles. Here the Truth sinks into these disciples that **JESUS is SON Of GOD**, And Worthy Of their Worship).

14:34 "And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret: ghen-nay -sar-et' = garden of the Prince. The plain on the west shore of the sea of Galilee, between Capernaum & Magdala. Called The Paradise of Galilee. In the days of Joshua there was a town there in the region of Naphtali called Chinnereth, or Chinneroth, which was later called Genezar, and now the plain of Gennesaret. Which indicates JESUS was on the Eastern Mountain of the Golan Heights, praying, before He came walking on the stormy sea, and they were all traveling to the west shore.

14:35-36 "And when the men of that place had knowledge of Him, they sent out into the country round about, and brought unto Him all that were diseased; and besought Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole: diasozo, dee-as-odze'-o = to save thoroughly, to cure, make perfectly whole, rescue, preserve. Our Salvation includes our healing. We Must Be Sure to Ask God for Our Inheritance!