



# SERMON NOTES

## PETER

A FLAWED, YET FAITHFUL  
FOLLOWER OF JESUS

Week 2 (August 9):

**"Walking with Jesus in the Storm"**

**Matthew 14:22-34**

### I. Review/Introduction

- A. Simon Peter's role in the Gospels is to help shine a light on who Jesus is and to help us understand what it's like to be a \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. We have no idea what hangs in the balance of our decision to say \_\_\_\_\_ to our next step with Jesus.
- C. The disciples are caught in a \_\_\_\_\_ on the Sea of Galilee..

### II. Lessons from Jesus Walking on Water

- A. Jesus approaches the disciples caught in the storm and he says "Be encouraged It's me. Don't be \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 14:27)

**Lesson #1** - Jesus still walks on water and comes to you and gets in your boat in the middle of the storm.

- B. \_\_\_\_\_ got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. (Matthew 14:29)

**Lessons #2** - The Christian faith calls us to step outside of our boats.

- C. After the storm, the disciples \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus. (Matthew 14:33)

**Lessons #3** - When we look at Jesus we see God.

### III. Application

- A. Put your \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.
- B. Step outside your \_\_\_\_\_ (comfort zone).
- C. Cry out to Jesus in the midst of the storm and say "Precious Lord, take my \_\_\_\_\_."

***Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message***

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# ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE

## INTRODUCTION

The disciples were caught in a storm on the Sea of Galilee and they were terrified. Jesus walks on water in the midst of the storm and tells the disciples “Be encouraged, It’s me, don’t be afraid.” This story is about something that happened on the Sea of Galilee a long time ago, but it’s recorded in the Gospel because it’s something that happens in our lives all the time if we just realize it. What can we learn about Jesus and what it means to be a disciple from this passage?

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### Monday: Matthew 8:14-17

Too often, Christians either focus their ministry to God’s world exclusively on preaching eternal salvation through Jesus, or else exclusively on making the conditions of life in this broken world better. Jesus clearly did both. What did Peter (and what do you, as one who follows Jesus the way Peter did) learn from observing Jesus’ pattern of ministry?

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### Tuesday: Mark 1:32-39

Peter seemed content then to see Jesus’ popularity spreading through Capernaum (some students estimate the town’s population at about 1500). Jesus already had a broader focus— “he traveled throughout Galilee.” He ultimately commissioned Peter and all his followers to “go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). How far do your hopes and visions for God’s Kingdom extend? In what ways can you play your part in making that vision a reality?

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### Wednesday: Matthew 15:10-16

Jesus often introduced teaching with phrases like “Listen and understand” he used in this reading. What people, publications or practices have helped you most in gaining greater understanding of Jesus’ teaching and how to apply it in your faith life? In what ways would you like to increase your understanding?

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### Thursday: Psalm 107:23-31, Mark 4:35-41

Only God, the Hebrews believed, could restrain the sea’s stormy chaos (cf. Jeremiah 5:22). Our world still faces many “storms.” Have you seen God in any way bring peace during such storms and their aftermath? If so, list ways you’ve seen or still see God at work for good in these tragic situations.

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### Friday: Matthew 14:21-26

“On a popular level, many Gentiles and probably a number of Jews believed in ghosts, although such a belief technically contradicted mainstream Jewish views of the afterlife (heaven or hell and future resurrection).” \* What fears, if any, do you deal with based on popular culture, even though they may not fit into your more careful understanding of Jesus’ teachings?

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## MOVING FORWARD

Three things we learn from our story of Jesus and Peter on the Sea of Galilee. 1) When we look at Jesus we see God. 2) The Christian faith calls us to step outside of our boats (comfort zone). 3) In the midst of the storm Christ walks with you. This week, reflect on which one of these lessons you need to focus on. Then take that next step that Jesus has called you to take.

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*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) disciple, B) yes, C) storm. IIA) afraid, B) Peter, C) worshiped. IIIA) faith, B) boat, C) hand.*

\* HarperCollins Christian Publishing. NIV, Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible, eBook: Bringing to Life the Ancient World of Scripture (Kindle Locations 220067-220068). Zondervan. Kindle Edition.

# 90 Day Bible Reading Challenge

## *"Key Themes" Bible Reading Plan*

The 'key theme' for this week's scripture passage is 'God's Name.' Read the applicable scripture passage for each day below using the 'SOAP' method of reading scripture.

**Scripture** - First read the scripture passage.

**Observation** - Think about what you just read and find one thing you think God wanted you to hear that's relevant to your life and write it down.

**Application** - Think about what you need to do differently as a result of what you just read and write it down.

**Pray** - Pray about what you just read.

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### Week of August 9, 2020

**Monday:** 1 Kings 8

**Tuesday:** Psalm 113

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 48

**Thursday:** Ezekiel 20

**Friday:** Philippians 2

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### Full Key Themes Plan

	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
July 13 - July 17	<i>Grace</i>	Ephesians 1	1 Timothy 1	2 Timothy 1	1 Peter 1	1 Peter 5
July 20 - July 24	<i>Judgment</i>	Psalm 9	Isaiah 5	Matthew 23	1 Corinthians 3	1 John 4
July 27 - July 31	<i>Love</i>	Psalm 136	John 15	1 Corinthians 13	1 John 2	1 John 3
Aug 3 - Aug 7	<i>Blood</i>	Leviticus 4	Luke 22	Romans 5	Hebrews 9	Revelation 1
Aug 10 - Aug 14	<i>God's Name</i>	1 Kings 8	Psalm 113	Isaiah 48	Ezekiel 20	Philippians 2
Aug 17 - Aug 21	<i>Prayer</i>	Psalm 102	Matthew 6	Daniel 9	Luke 18	Revelation 8
Aug 24 - Aug 28	<i>Care for Needy</i>	Leviticus 25	Psalm 10	Psalm 82	2 Corinthians 9	1 Timothy 5
Aug 31 - Sept 4	<i>Worship</i>	Psalm 29	Psalm 100	1 Corinthians 14	1 Timothy 2	Revelation 4
Sept 7 - Sept 11	<i>One Another</i>	John 13	Romans 13	Romans 15	1 Peter 3	1 John 1
Sept 14 - Sept 18	<i>Obedience</i>	Deuteronomy 30	1 Samuel 15	Jeremiah 35	Acts 5	1 Peter 4
Sept 21 - Sept 25	<i>Forgiveness</i>	Psalm 25	Psalm 32	Luke 6	Acts 10	Colossians 2
Sept 28 - Oct 2	<i>Faith</i>	Psalm 116	Romans 3	Romans 4	Galatians 3	Hebrews 11
Oct 5 - Oct 9	<i>Believe</i>	John 6	John 11	John 12	John 20	Romans 10

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