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When life's storms hit, whether personal, relational, financial, or spiritual, there's a supernatural peace and power available that doesn't come from us.

Peter walking on water in Matthew 14 reminds us: the impossible becomes possible when our eyes stay on Jesus, not the waves. It's not our strength but His Spirit that carries us through.

We often try to control the storm or isolate ourselves. But like Peter, we're invited to cry out - to reach for Jesus and others - trusting His immediate rescue.

The key? Keep your focus on Jesus, not the noise or opinions around you.

Faith isn't a feeling; it's trust built on knowing God's character. The Holy Spirit empowers us to do what we could never do alone.

Our breakthroughs aren't just for us - they reveal Jesus to the world. Even in the storm, we rise, walk in purpose, and do the impossible by His Spirit.

REFLECTION

Share something that stood out from the Sunday message 'By My Spirit'.

MESSAGE POINTS

One: Keep Your Eyes on Jesus to Do the Impossible

When Peter stepped out of the boat, he was able to walk on water as long as his focus remained on Jesus, but the moment he looked at the wind and waves, he began to sink. In the storms of life, the impossible becomes possible when you fix your gaze on Christ rather than the chaos around you. Distractions, fear, and the opinions of others will try to pull your attention away, but when you keep your eyes on Jesus, you can rise above circumstances and experience His supernatural peace and power.

Matthew 14:22-33 (ESV)

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So, Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little

faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Discussion

- ***What do you notice about Jesus' response to Peter - both when Peter steps out in faith and when he begins to sink?***
- ***What does this reveal about Jesus' character and how He relates to our moments of faith and doubt?***
- ***How might this change the way you view your own "step out of the boat" moments?***

Two: It's Not by Might or Power, But by God's Spirit

Human strength, resources, or cleverness cannot accomplish the impossible - only the Spirit of God can. No amount of wealth, influence, or personal ability enabled Peter to walk on water; it was the supernatural intervention of God. In your own life, stop striving in your own strength and yield to the Holy Spirit, trusting that He alone can bring breakthrough, miracles, and peace that surpasses understanding.

Zechariah 4:6 (ESV)

Then he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts."

Discussion

- ***What does this verse reveal about how God accomplishes His work?***
- ***How can we recognise when something is being done in our own might versus in God's power?***
- ***What practical rhythms or habits help you stay sensitive to His leading?***

Three: Stay Connected to Jesus. Apart from Him, You Can Do Nothing

Just as a branch cannot bear fruit unless it remains connected to the vine, you cannot live a fruitful, victorious life apart from Jesus. All your efforts, relationships, and work will be empty without His presence and power flowing through you. Make it your priority to remain in Him,

drawing daily strength, wisdom, and life from your relationship with Christ, knowing that true fruitfulness comes only from abiding in Him

John 15:5 (ESV)

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Discussion

- ***What does it mean to "abide" in Jesus?***
- ***What are the signs that you're living connected or disconnected from the vine?***
- ***How can you intentionally strengthen your connection to Jesus this week?***

Four: Walk by Faith, Not by Sight

The storms and challenges you face may seem overwhelming when viewed through natural eyes, but God calls you to walk by faith, trusting His promises and character above what you see or feel. Faith is built by knowing God's Word and remembering His faithfulness, so let your confidence rest not in circumstances but in who He is. As you choose faith over fear, you'll find strength to persevere and see God do the impossible in and through your life.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (ESV)

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

Discussion

- ***What does it mean to "walk by faith" in this verse?***
- ***Why do you think Paul contrasts faith with sight?***
- ***What strengthens your faith when what you see doesn't make sense?***

WATCH

<https://www.youtube.com/@LIFEMelbourne/videos>

NEW SERVICE!

We Are excited to announce the new 1.30pm service is here!! Together with our 9am, 11am and 6pm services, we are following God's leading, putting out another jar for God to pour into, so we can increasingly reach Melbourne with the hope and love of Jesus.

This isn't just about another service - it's about:

- **Making room for more** – more people, more families, more of our city encountering Jesus.
- **Preparing for West** – gathering and empowering a team so we are ready when God opens the door for a new campus.
- **Ownership for everyone** – creating opportunities for all of us to engage our God-given part.
- **God's blueprint** – a multiplication model that sets us up for what God has ahead.

Every faith step requires a stretch, but as we multiply, our prayer is that it will be done in strength.

As we take this God-led step of obedience, we carry an expectation that it will enable many to step up in ownership and engage their God-given part. If LIFE is your home but you're yet to play your part, we'd love to have you join a great team across any one of the four Sunday services.



If you love church, this is how you can help others to love it too!

Do you love to make people smile? Do you love to make someone's day? Do you love helping others?

We believe that serving on team is an expression of love for God, the church and others, so check out some of the ways that you can make a difference on team, doing the things that you love!

Play My Part - <https://lifeau.org/playmypart/#findateam>

GROUP PRAYER POINTS

Pray for each other's personal journey as a disciple and discipleship in our church

- Being in the presence of Jesus, becoming more like Jesus and continuing the work He did.

Pray for the Holy Spirit's presence

- That we would be led, filled and empowered to live surrendered, love God and serve others.

Pray for Decade of Destiny

- **Debt Free on Sims and Stage One** Believe that we could be debt free on the purchase of Sims St and the stage one fit-out costs.
- **Launch Two New LIFE Campuses** That we would pioneer two additional LIFE campuses across Melbourne and continue to make room for more people to discover the wonder of Jesus, find their family and step into all that God leads.
- **LIFE Homes** To have short-, medium- and long-term accommodation navigable to enable emergency support, crisis help and essential care to key areas of vulnerability.
- **Education Services Engaged** It is our vision that we will have multiple pathways that we will be able to bring lasting transformation to our communities through learning and education and reverse the cycle of poverty.
- **Sims Street Revival** God is entrusting us to first and foremost lift up the names of Jesus and see many thousands upon thousands discover His eternal life.

UPCOMING DATES

Team Night – November 14, 6:45pm @ Life

Child Dedications – November 23, 9am & 11am @ Life

YA All In - November 27, 7pm @ Life

Christmas Box - November 29