

RESET YOUR FAITH

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**40 DAYS
TO RESET
YOUR LIFE**

The Disciples in the Storm: Matthew 14:22-33

Three Steps to Reset Your Faith

1. Reset Your Faith by COMMITTING to God's Plan.

Matthew 14:22 "Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake."

Matthew 14:24 "Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves."

1 Peter 4:12-13 "Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. Instead, be very glad - for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world."

**Tested Faith leads to Trusted Faith.
Deep valleys produce Deep Faith.**

Psalms 23:3-4 "He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me."

1 Peter 1:6-7 "So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold - though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world."

**The storm didn't come to sink you. The storm came to strengthen you.
When you pass through a strong storm, you come out with a strong faith.**

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 "For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever."

2. Reset Your Faith by being COURAGEOUS in the Storm.

Matthew 14:25, 27 "About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. Jesus spoke to them at once. 'Don't be afraid,' he said. 'Take courage. I am here!'"

Courage comes from Jesus' authority, not your ability.

Matthew 28:18-19 "Jesus came and told his disciples, 'I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, GO...'"

His authority results in your assignment.

Ephesians 1:21-22 "Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else - not only in this world but also in the world to come. God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church."

Matthew 14:29 "'Yes, come,' Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus."

His authority results in your ability.

Matthew 19:26 "Jesus looked at them intently and said, 'Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible.'"

**Faith begins by doing what you can with what you have where you are,
and trusting God to do what you cannot do yourself.**

3. Reset Your Faith and COMPLETE Your Journey.

Matthew 14:31-32 "Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. 'You have so little faith,' Jesus said. 'Why did you doubt me?' When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped."

Your future success is based on how you handle failure today.

Acts 4:13 "The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus."

God can do more with a WET PETER than a DRY JUDAS.

1 Timothy 6:12 "Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you."

Hebrews 6:11-12 "We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized. Imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised."

Philippians 1:6 "God is the one who began this good work in you, and I am certain that he won't stop before it is complete on the day that Christ Jesus returns."

MY FAITH DECLARATION

I reset my Faith today as I commit to God's plan for my life. I declare that no storm will sink me. Every storm will strengthen me. I am courageous in Christ! His authority results in my ability. By His grace and power in me, I will complete my journey and bring Him glory.

Memory Verse: Philippians 1:6 "God is the one who began this good work in you, and I am certain that he won't stop before it is complete on the day that Christ Jesus returns."