

# Lord, Save Me!

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LEE'S SUMMIT, Mo.—In the story of Jesus walking on the water (Matthew 14:22-25), it is often recognized that Peter also walked on the water (verse 29). He didn't walk for very long, but he walked on water longer than I ever have.

It was a stormy, tumultuous evening when the disciples saw what they thought was a ghostly apparition. Instead it was Jesus, but they needed a little convincing.

Peter answered Him and said: "Lord, if it is You . . ." (verse 28).

If? Who else could it be? Why this skepticism on the part of the apostles?

We might contend that this was a healthy skepticism. Certainly with the demonic activity of the day, such concerns were understandably placed.

But Peter was willing to put his own bodily safety on the line. He said: "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water" (verse 28 again).

And Peter walked on the water. At least for a few steps. Then he began to sink.

Sometimes when tossed about by the storms of life, we might feel we are sinking—even when Jesus Christ is right there beside us. Even when we know He is there, often we doubt.

But Peter did the right thing. In the midst of his fears, he cried, "Lord, save me!" And the Lord saved him.

It is comforting to know that when we step out on faith our fears might get the best of us. But Jesus is there to bear us up. Peter's prayer should instantly be on our lips: Lord, save me!