

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV) "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

HOW SHOULD I RESPOND TO FEAR?

1. _____ the Lord when He comes to you

Matthew 14:26-28 "When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. 'It's a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.'

'Lord, if it's you,' Peter replied, 'tell me to come to you on the water.'"

2. Let your _____ raise you above your fears.



THEME SCRIPTURE:

PSALM 34:4-5 (NLT)

"I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me. **He freed me from all my fears.** Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy; no shadow of shame will darken their faces."

FOUR KINDS OF FEAR IN THE BIBLE:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

"FREEDOM" = _____

HOW TO BREAK FREE FROM FEAR:

MATTHEW 14:22-33 (NIV)

22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. **23** After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, **24** and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. **25** Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. **26** When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. 'It's a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear. **27** But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.' **28** 'Lord, if it's you,' Peter replied, 'tell me to come to you on the water.' **29** 'Come,' he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. **30** But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!' **31** Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?' **32** And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. **33** Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

THREE CHARACTERISTICS ABOUT THE STORM THE DISCIPLES FACED:

1. The perfect storm came while the disciples were in the _____

Matthew 14:22 "Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to other other side..."

2. The perfect storm came when the disciples were _____ to their destination.

Abraham heard God's call when he was in Ur of the Chaldeans and he followed God. However, he stopped half-way in Haran.

Acts 7:2-4 (NIV) "...The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran. 'Leave your country and your people,' God said, 'and go to the land I will show you.' So he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran."

3. The perfect storm came while _____

THREE TRUTHS I NEED TO KNOW WHEN I AM AFRAID:

1. God sees your _____

Matthew 14:23-24 "After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it."

2. God will _____ to you

Matthew 14:25 "Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake."

3. God sees your problem as the _____ to get you to your destination.