

# FEAR < LESS

## MESSAGE NOTES

**Focusing in Ferocious Waves**  
**Sunday, May 29 | Tommy Duke**  
**First Baptist Church of Garden City**  
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### **Jesus Walks on Water**

*<sup>22</sup> Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home. <sup>23</sup> After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone.*

*<sup>24</sup> Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. <sup>25</sup> About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, 'It's a ghost!'*

*<sup>27</sup> But Jesus spoke to them at once. 'Don't be afraid,' he said. 'Take courage. I am here!' <sup>28</sup> Then Peter called to him, 'Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water.' <sup>29</sup> 'Yes, come,' Jesus said.*

*So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. 'Save me, Lord!' he shouted.*

*<sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. 'You have so little faith,' Jesus said. 'Why did you doubt me?' <sup>32</sup> When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. <sup>33</sup> Then the disciples worshiped him. 'You really are the Son of God!' they exclaimed." – Matthew 14:22-33 (NLT)*

### **CHOOSING FAITH OVER FEAR IN CRASHING WAVES REQUIRES THAT I...**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **THAT LIFE'S** \_\_\_\_\_ **WILL COME.**

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– Matthew 14:22-25 (NLT)

*(Jesus) "I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."* – John 16:33 (NLT)

• \_\_\_\_\_ **IN MY STORM.**

*“...Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, ‘It’s a ghost!’” – Matthew 14:25-26 (NLT)*

*“I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence! If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there.” – Psalm 139:7-8 (NLT)*

*“He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.” – John 14:17 (NLT)*

• **LET JESUS FILL ME** \_\_\_\_\_.

*“But Jesus spoke to them at once. ‘Don’t be afraid,’ he said. ‘Take courage. I am here!’” – Matthew 14:27 (NLT)*

*“So be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the Lord!” – Psalm 31:24 (NLT)*

• \_\_\_\_\_ **BOLDLY WITH** \_\_\_\_\_ **THRU THE STORM.**

*“Then Peter called to him, ‘Lord, if it’s really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water.’ ‘Yes, come,’ Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus.” – Matthew 14:28-29 (NLT)*

Memory Verse:

*“For we walk by faith, not by sight.” – 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV)*

• **STAY** \_\_\_\_\_ **DESPITE THE WAVES.**

*“But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. ‘Save me, Lord!’ he shouted. Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. ‘You have so little faith,’ Jesus said. ‘Why did you doubt me?’” – Matthew 14:30-31 (NLT)*

*“When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. Then the disciples worshiped him. ‘You really are the Son of God!’ they exclaimed.” – Matthew 14:32-33 (NLT)*

*“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God’s throne.” – Hebrews 12:1-2 (NLT)*

**MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:**

- Memorize 2 Corinthians 5:7.
- Practice looking to Jesus when I face the storms of life.
- Ask Jesus to help me move in faith in the area of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Volunteer to serve next weekend at the FBC Community Block Party (Sunday, June 5, from 5-7pm).

\*Join us next Sunday, June 5, as we wrap up our *FEAR<LESS* teaching series and learn how to live a life of significance. It’s going to be another great Sunday @ FBC!

*Bible verses are from the New King James Versions (NKJV)  
or the New Living Translation (NLT) unless otherwise noted.*

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