

# 40

week 4

## Look Back:

What is one bold prayer you are taking to God? How is your persistent asking going?

## Look Up:

### Read [Matthew 14:19-24](#)

1. What happened immediately before Jesus made the disciples get into the boat? What does this say about Jesus and what impact would this have had on the disciples?
2. What did Jesus do after He dismissed the disciples? What does this teach us about Jesus and how should followers of Jesus today apply this in their lives?

### Read [Matthew 14:25-33](#)

3. What was the disciples' initial reaction to Jesus' appearance? Why did they respond this way and what does this say about people in general?
4. What was Jesus' 1<sup>st</sup> response to the disciples in verse 27? How might these words to the frightened disciples help you right now in whatever "storm" you are facing?
5. Why did Peter start to sink and what did he cry out? What does this show about his relationship with Jesus and how is it significant to people today?
6. What did the disciples conclude and do after Peter and Jesus got back in the boat? Have you reached the same conclusion, and if not, what are you looking for Jesus to do?

### Read [1 Peter 5:6-7](#)

7. Years later, Peter wrote a letter to Christians who were facing "storms" of life. How might this short passage help you face the storms you are in right now?

## Overall (Discovery Bible Study)

- What do these scriptures say about God?
- What do they say about people?
- How will I apply this to my life?

## Look Ahead:

What is an example of "rowing" in the middle of a storm you experienced in your life? How did you, or can you boldly pray for God to give you strength to keep "rowing" or to show you what it means to "get out of the boat"?

## Notes

*Jesus knows all about the storms we are in. He cares for us and wants what is best for us. We often become frightened by the storm, and when we do, Jesus calls us to simply come to Him. The challenge is whether we are waiting for God to prove Himself before we obey. Peter showed humility and obedience as Jesus helped disciples grow their faith and learn to depend on Him in the midst of a storm. Who are you turning to for strength and direction in your storm?*