

“The Bread and the Water”

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(45) Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd.

(46) And after He had taken leave of them, He went up on the mountain to pray. (47) When evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea and he was alone on the land. (48) He saw them straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. As the night was ending, he came to them walking on the sea, for he wanted to pass by them.

(49) When they saw him walking on the water they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, (50) for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them: "Have courage! It is I. Do not be afraid."

Matthew 14:28 - 31

(28) Peter said to him, "Lord, if it is you, order me to come to you on the water." (29) So he said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat, walked on the water, and came toward Jesus. (30) But when he saw the strong wind he became afraid. And starting to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" (31) Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Mark 6:51 - 52

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I. Jesus gives us an invitation through revelation.

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Exodus 3:13 - 14:

¹³ Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM (***egō eimi***) has sent me to you.’ ”

Exodus 33:18 – 22:

(18) Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” (19) And he said, “I will make all my goodness ***pass before you*** and will proclaim before you my name ‘The LORD.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. (20) But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” (21) And the LORD said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, (22) and ***while my glory passes by*** I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by.

Isaiah 41:10, 13

41:10 *Don't be afraid*, for I am with you! *Don't be frightened*, for I am your God!

I strengthen you—

yes, I help you—

yes, *I uphold you with my saving right hand!*

41:13 For I am the LORD your God, *the one who takes hold of your right hand*, who says to you, 'Don't be afraid, I am helping you.'

II. The response to the revelation: Peter and Jesus

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III. The Reason for the revelation:

God delights in mercy and does not abandon us in our sin and failure

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Micah 7:18 - 19

(18) Who is a God like thee, cancelling iniquities, and passing over the sins of the remnant of his inheritance? and he has not kept his anger for a testimony, for he delights in mercy. (19) He will return and have mercy upon us; he will sink our iniquities, and they shall be cast into the depths of the sea, *even* all our sins.

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