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**God calls us from
the ordinary to
the extraordinary**

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Matthew

14:22-33

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**What paralyzed the disciples
from what they knew:
Fear, exhaustion,
circumstances & the unknown**



Fear has paralyzed us:
Exhaustion, circumstances
& the unknown



**Peter faced his fear
through his faith**

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- He recognized the voice of the Master
- He waited for the command from the Master
- He trusted the Master

Fears are cast down
through our faith in
Him

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Peter faltered by:

Allowing the storm to distract
him

Allowing his fears to overtake
him

Distractions happen
when we aren't
focused

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Jesus responds immediately:

Mark 6:45 – Get in the boat

Matthew 14:27,31 – responds, helps

John 6:21 – boat arrives at shore



**Peter's act of faith and
Jesus' faithful
response drew others
to worship Him**



2021

Enter boldly

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:15-16*



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God has a plan

He has shown you, O man, what is good;
And what does the Lord require of you
but to do justly, to love mercy, and to
walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

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You have the choice

And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that You are the Lord God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again." *1 Kings 18:36-37*

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Why we can be bold in 2021?

- Look at what He has already accomplished
 - He is immediately available
 - He can end the storm
- He draws all to Himself when we respond in faith



Questions to ponder:

- 1) What fear am I carrying into 2021?
- 2) Will I recognize the voice of Jesus?
- 3) Will I be bold enough to step out; call for help; allow Him to help?
- 4) Am I using the God moments of others to encourage my faith?

