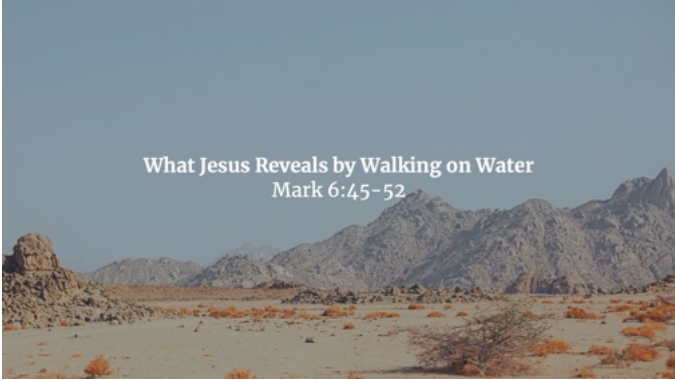




# Mark

CHRIST'S POWER OVER EVERY NEED



## What Jesus Reveals by Walking on Water Mark 6:45-52



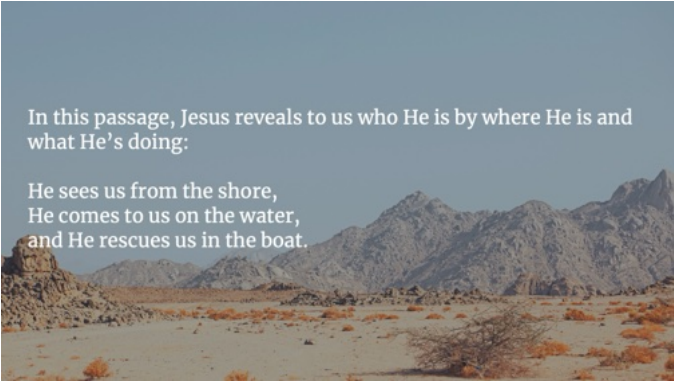
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45 Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. 46 And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. 47 And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. 48 And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea.



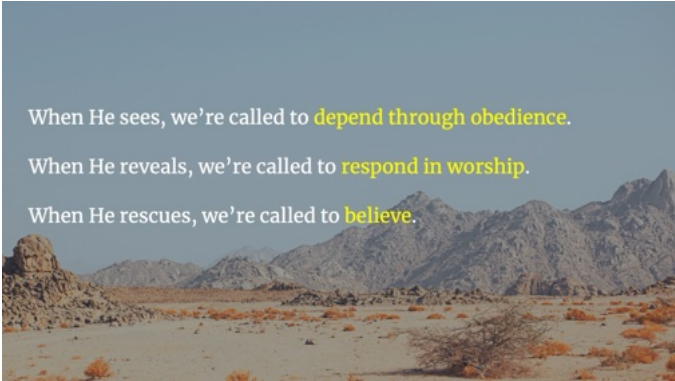
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He meant to pass by them, 49 but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, 50 for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." 51 And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, 52 for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.



In this passage, Jesus reveals to us who He is by where He is and what He's doing:

He sees us from the shore,  
He comes to us on the water,  
and He rescues us in the boat.



When He sees, we're called to **depend through obedience**.

When He reveals, we're called to **respond in worship**.

When He rescues, we're called to **believe**.

### 1. Jesus Sees You from the Shore:

Even in life's fiercest storms, you are never out of His sight. His care invites you to persevere in dependent obedience.

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Mark is showing us a pattern that runs through his Gospel: discipleship doesn't shield you from suffering—it draws you into dependence. The storm isn't a detour. It's the path.

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Here is the truth about storms in our life: they expose our shallow visions of success—and they invite us into something deeper.

### 1. Jesus Sees You from the Shore:

The depths of God's vision for you is **Christ formed in you**.

- "Christ in you, the hope of glory." (Col. 1:27)
- "For this is the will of God, your sanctification." (1 Thess. 4:3)

### 1. Jesus Sees You from the Shore:

"What is my vision of God's purpose for me? Whatever it may be, His purpose is for me to depend on Him and on His power now... If I can stay calm, faithful and unconfused in the turmoil of life, the goal of the purpose of God is being accomplished in me."  
- Oswald Chambers

### 1. Jesus Sees You from the Shore:

In the Gospel, the purpose of life's storms is redemptive: they **reveal** and **refine**.

### 1. Jesus Sees You from the Shore:

"Count it all joy... when you meet trials... for the testing of your faith produces steadfastness... that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."  
- James 1:2-4

### 1. Jesus Sees You from the Shore:

But where is Jesus in the storm?

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"He saw them" (v.48)

### 1. Jesus Sees You from the Shore:

Where shall I go from your presence?  
If I ascend to heaven, you are there!  
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!  
If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me.  
- Psalm 139:7-10

### 1. Jesus Sees You from the Shore:

When you are in the eye of the storm... He has his eye on you.



## 1. Jesus Sees You from the Shore:

...he went up on the mountain to pray. (v. 46)

## 1. Jesus Sees You from the Shore:

## 2. Jesus Comes to You on the Water:

As Jesus walks on the water, He reveals Himself as God in the flesh—and lovingly confronts our fears to realign our worship to Him.

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Fear of Rejection: **Worship of Approval**

## 2. Jesus Comes to You on the Water:

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Fear of Failure: **Worship of Success**

## 2. Jesus Comes to You on the Water:

Jesus comes to the disciples, in the storm, in their fear to reveal the fullness of His glory and invite us realigns our worship to Him.

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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.'  
- Exodus 33:18-19

## 2. Jesus Comes to You on the Water:

"Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." (v.50)

"It is I" = Ego Eimi = "I AM"

## 3. Jesus Rescues Us in the Boat:

Because Jesus rescues us from our storms, the only response is to fully surrender to Him in faith!

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Faith is NOT **astonishment!**

### 3. Jesus Rescues Us in the Boat:

Faith is **surrender**

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Foundational Truth: **Faith is a gift!**

### 3. Jesus Rescues Us in the Boat:

“Justifying faith is a saving grace, a gift, worked in our hearts by the Spirit and the Word of God, by which we, being convinced of our sin and misery and of our inability to save ourselves, not only assent to the truth of the promise of the Gospel, but also receive and rest on Christ and His righteousness—pardoned from our sin and declared righteous in the sight of God.”

Westminster Larger Catechism, modernized by ChatGPT

### 3. Jesus Rescues Us in the Boat:

Disciplines for keeping our hearts soft:

1. Worship in Community

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Disciplines for keeping our hearts soft:

1. Worship in Community
2. Wrestle with God in Prayer

### 3. Jesus Rescues Us in the Boat:

“Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.”  
– Psalm 86:11