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I'M LIKE PETER, TOO

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Face it, our flesh reminds us that we are a work in progress. We often deal with our personal struggles and challenges in life riding in the boat of life and step out on faith into the choppy waters, praising God and rejoicing along the way. Then lightning, thunder and hail hits and we begin to sink as panic sets in. That's what happened to me one day while washing dishes. recently. The Lord spoke to me and I had to laugh afterwards because His words were true and accurately depicted my behavior.



He reminded of when Jesus sent His disciples on the boat ahead of Him while He went up on the mountain alone to pray. Once the boat was in the middle of the sea, it was tossed by the waves and the winds were strong. At the fourth watch (3am-6am) Jesus comes to them walking on the water. Of course, the disciples thought they saw a ghost until Jesus confirmed to them His identity. Peter asked, "Lord if it is You, command me to come to You on the water (Matthew 14:28 NKJV)." The Lord then told him to come, so Peter gets out of the boat and actually begins to

walk on the sea water toward Jesus. However, when he saw the intensity of wind he was afraid and began to sink. Peter cries out, "Lord, save me!" (v30). The Lord made me to see that, as long as I was focused on Him, I was okay. But as the circumstances intensified I did like Peter and saw how intense it was and started sinking. Like Peter, I began to cry out for Him to rescue me. And He did. The Lord said you are like Peter too and just like I helped Him when he lost focus, I am helping you too. I had to laugh at myself. The Lord further clarified that He knows our humanity intercepts our faith time to time that is why He so willing to save us when we cry out for His help.

Are you like Peter too? The good thing is it's not a deal breaker in our relationship with the Lord because we are sealed until the day of redemption. I so look forward to being delivered from this flesh, how about you?

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