Looking At The Waves

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INTRODUCTION

- And Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But seeing the wind, he became afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, Lord, save me.
- Tonight I want to talk to you about this text and others in a lesson entitled, Looking at the Waves, and Looking at the Wind, as Peter did.
- The meaning of this awesome miracle and the significance of this event far transcends just a literal or physical storm.

1 Storms of Correction and Storms of Perfection

Hebrews 12:5–11; James 1:2

- Sometimes God sends storms of correction, like he did with Jonah in the story of Jonah.
- Or we might call them storms of correction when he chastens his children, according to Hebrews chapter 12, verses five through eleven.
- Sometimes they're not storms of correction, sometimes they're storms of perfection. The trials of our faith that are found to result in praise and honor and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
- Life storms can be advantageous to growth. They can help to develop character and greater faith, or they can be destructive, depending upon how we respond to them.

2 Peter Took His Eyes Off of Jesus

Hebrews 12:2

- Peter took his eyes off of Jesus, which precipitated the doubting.
- We are to look to Jesus, who is the author and finisher of our faith.
- He courageously gets over the side of the boat and begins to walk on the water. But it's when he took his eyes off of Jesus that he begins to sink.
- Sinking in the waves of trial and doubt. Who hasn't been there at one time or another?

3 In the World You Will Have Tribulation

John 16:33; 1 Peter 4:18; 2 Corinthians 1:8

- But in the world, you will have tribulation. Jesus promised his disciples that.
- It is with difficulty that the righteous are saved.
- All that simply means is that there's going to be trouble and difficulty along the path.
- Not only did Peter experience some troubles, the apostle Paul experienced some troubles.
- For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren.

MY NOTES