

## Life in the Power Zone

Series: Understanding Prayer

Matthew 14:22-33 (1011)

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Matthew 14:22-33 <sup>22</sup>Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup>After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. <sup>25</sup>During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. <sup>26</sup>When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But Jesus immediately said to them: "**Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.**" <sup>28</sup>"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>"**Come,**" he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "**You of little faith,**" he said, "**why did you doubt?**" <sup>32</sup>And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup>Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

### I. The closer you walk with Jesus...

a. The greater the opportunity to experience amazing power...

b. The greater the opportunity to build trust...

John 2:23-25 NLT <sup>23</sup>Because of the miraculous signs he did in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration, many people were convinced that he was indeed the Messiah. <sup>24</sup>But Jesus didn't trust them, because he knew what people were really like. <sup>25</sup>No one needed to tell him about human nature.

Hebrews 5:8 <sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, [Jesus] learned obedience from what he suffered

c. The greater the opportunity to fail...

### II. Life in the power zone...

a. Is always first about prayer...

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b. Is always beyond your ability...

c. Is always a risk...

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d. Is never lived alone...

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