

Follow Jesus, Believing

To get better at working the works of God, you must get better at believing, [John 6:28-29](#). Do you believe Jesus?

Believing

- Jesus found a time and place to be alone with God, [Mat 14:22-27](#). We all need time and a place to be alone with God. Do you have a regular time and place to be alone with God?
- The disciples obeyed God by getting in the boat, but life got harder. This will be true for you as well. We are in a spiritual battle. Are you obeying God? Is life sometimes harder?
- The 12 were afraid when they saw Jesus walking on water. They didn't recognize Him or know that He was there to help. Are there times when you don't recognize He is there to help you?
- He told them not to be afraid. What do you do when you are afraid?

Getting Closer to Jesus

- Peter cried out to Jesus and asked for Jesus to call him to walk on water, [Mat 14:28-33](#). Do you ask Jesus to guide you before you do something?
- Peter walked on water when he believed Jesus and did what Jesus said. Do you ask Jesus what He wants, believe Him, and do what He says?
- When Peter took his eyes off Jesus and looked at the storm, he began to sink. Do you keep your eyes on Jesus or do you focus on the storms (*money trouble, politics, cultural influences*)?
- Peter's goal wasn't the excitement of walking on water. His goal was to be near Jesus. Do you want to be near Jesus more than anything?

Believing Assignment

1. Pick one area where you struggle to believe God (*that He loves you, that He will guide you through trials...*).
2. Look for Bible verses related to that topic.
3. Each morning, pray those verses to God. (*Also pray them anytime you struggle in that area.*)

Examples of Using Verses for Prayer

- Lord, You are My Shepherd. I believe what You said in [1John 4:16](#) that You love me. Help me keep my thoughts on You.
- Awesome Lord, I claim [1John 4:18](#). Fill me with Your love so much that all fear is cast out. As Your Word says in [2Timothy 1:7](#), fear doesn't come from You. I lean on Your power, love, and clear thinking.
- Gracious Lord, help me endure temptation and earn the crown of life that You promise in [James 1:12](#).
- Merciful God, help me rest in the assurance of [Philippians 4:11-13](#), that with You, I will be content regardless of my situation. Give me the strength to learn from my times of need and grow closer to You.

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