Wind Worries

Thus says Yahweh…"Don't be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name. You are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; – Isaiah 43:1-2

[Matthew 14:22-33] *Jesus therefore, perceiving that they were about to come and take him by force, to make him king, withdrew again to the mountain by himself.* Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat, and to go ahead of him to the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. After he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into the mountain by himself to pray. When evening had come, he was there alone. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, distressed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. *The sea was tossed by a great wind blowing. It was now dark, and Jesus had not come to them.* In the fourth watch of the night, *when they had rowed about twenty-five or thirty stadia,* Jesus came to them, walking on the sea* *and drawing near to the boat* and he would have passed by them. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It's a ghost!" and they cried out for fear for they all saw him, and were troubled. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying "Cheer up! It is I! Don't be afraid."

Peter answered him and said, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the waters."

He said, "Come!"

But when he saw that the wind was strong, he was afraid

Peter stepped down from the boat, and walked on the waters to come to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was strong, he was afraid, and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got up into the boat, the wind ceased. Those who were in the boat came and worshiped him, saying, "You are truly the Son of God!" and they were very amazed among themselves, and marveled; for they hadn't understood about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. [Mark 6:45-52, *John 6:51-21*]

[Mark 6:53-56] When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret, and moored to the shore. When they had come out of the boat, immediately the people recognized him, and ran around that whole region, and began to bring those who were sick, on their mats, to where they heard he was. Wherever he entered, into villages, or into cities, or into the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch just the fringe of his garment; and as many as touched him were made well.

1. Why did Peter ask Jesus to command him? Was Jesus angry when Peter doubted?

2. Have you asked Jesus to show his power? Did he end up testing your faith? How?

3. Jesus, I just want to touch the fringe of your garment today; if I do I know that you…