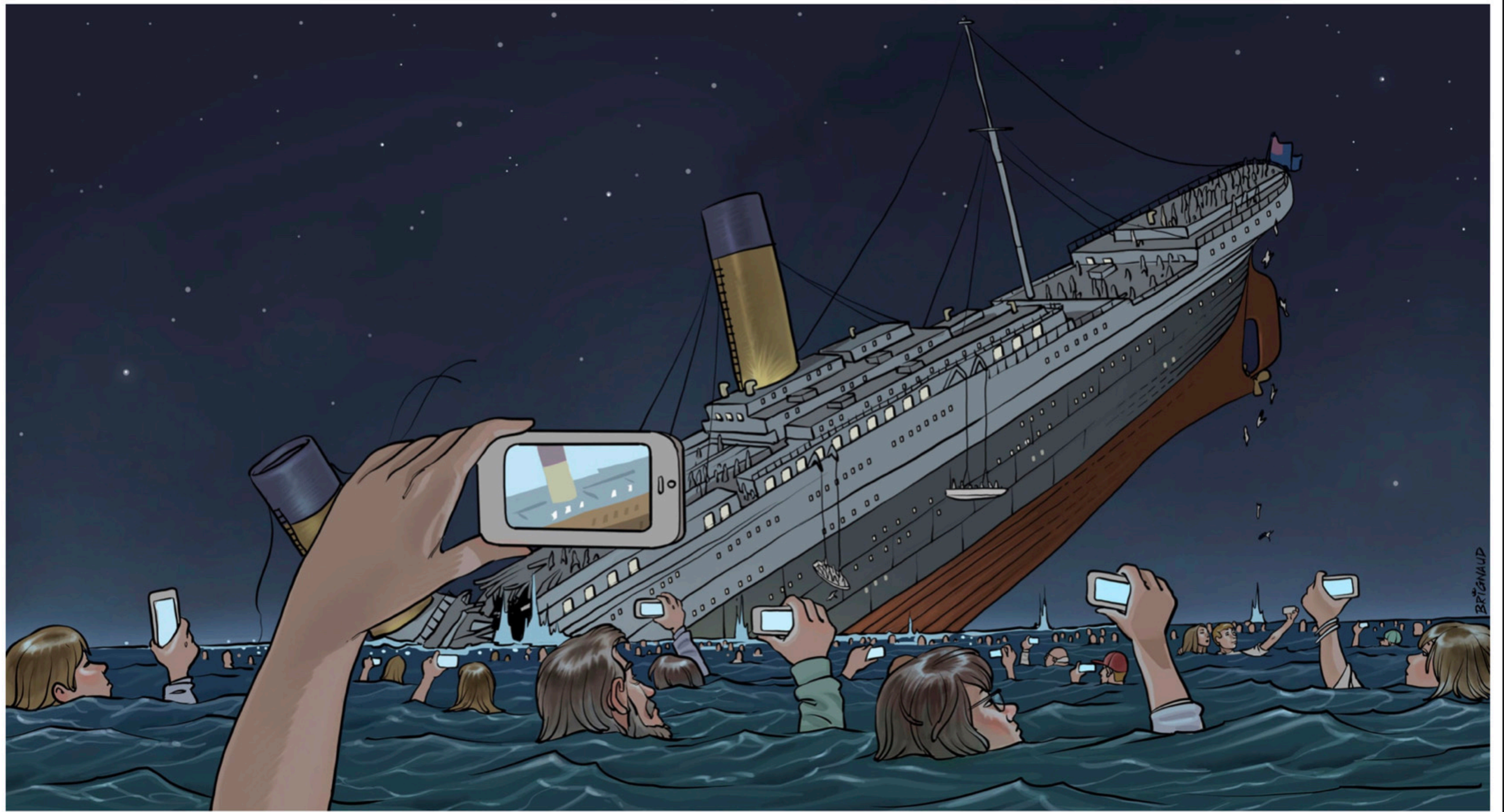


Snapshots of Jesus
Storms in Life
November 8, 2023





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24 But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. 25 Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.



*27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying,
“Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.”
28 And Peter answered Him and said, “Lord, if it is
You, command me to come to You on the water.”*



29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"



31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, “Truly You are the Son of God.”



1. Obey Where Jesus Tells You to Go:



“22Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. 23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray.”

Matthew 14:22,23 (NKJV)



“Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone.”
John 6:15 (NKJV)



4 Things to Consider About the Boat Ride:

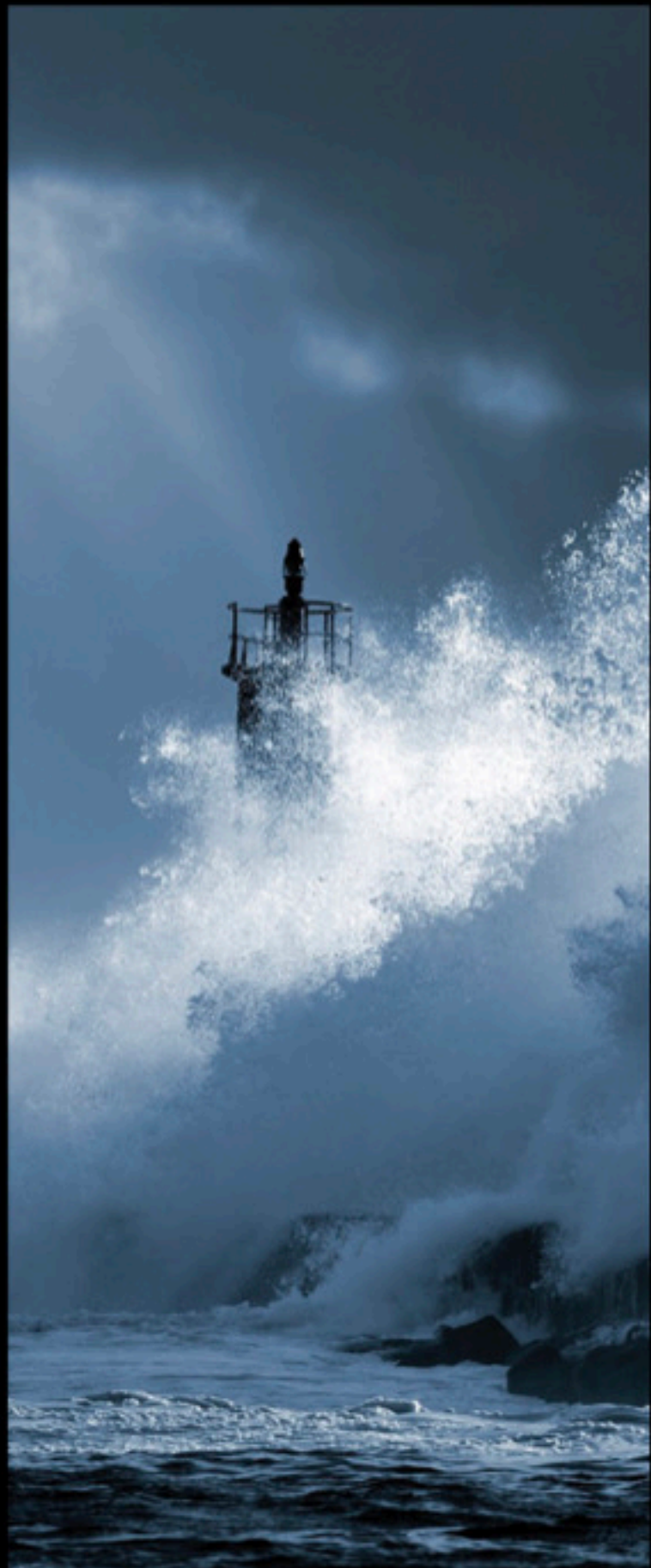




**A) From Mark, the Disciples
Left Before Evening.**

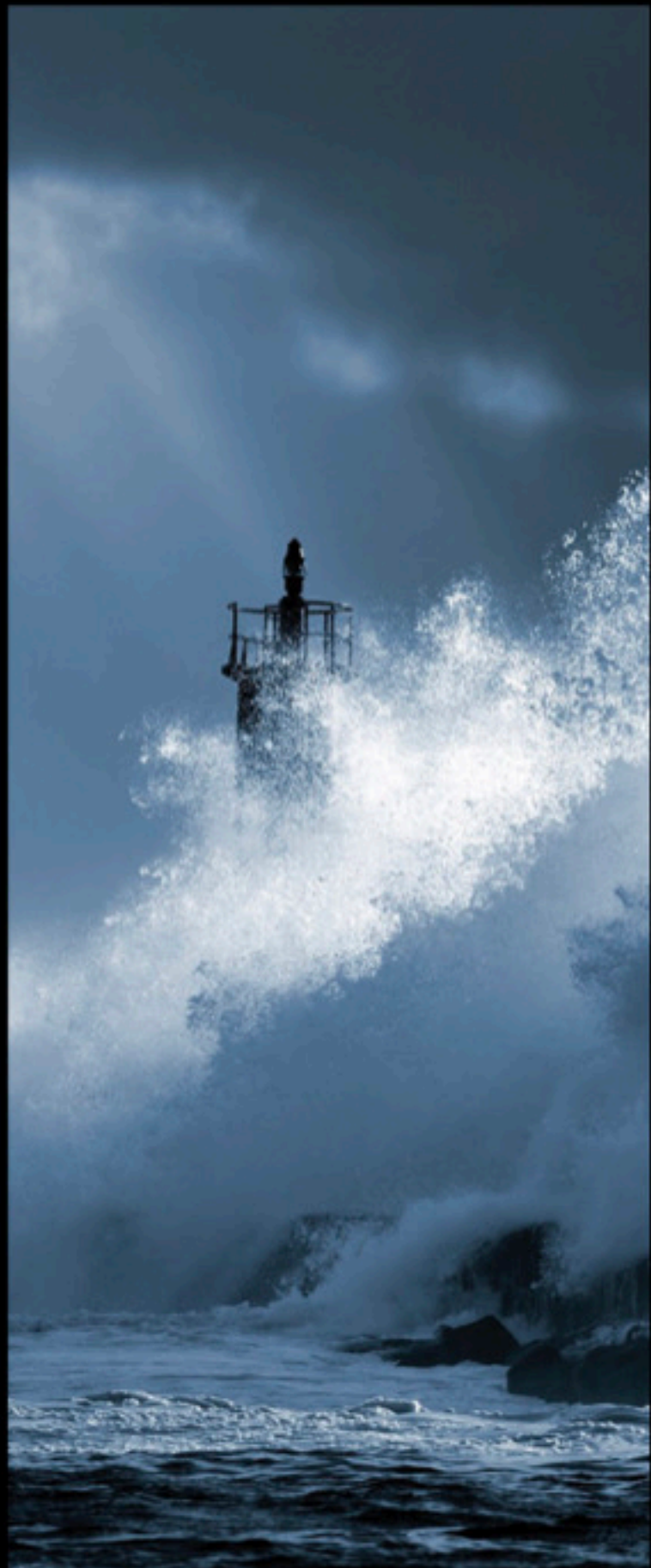
**“Now when evening came, the boat
was in the middle of the sea; and
He was alone on the land.”**

Mark 6:47 (NKJV)



B) They were Still Rowing at 3:00 AM!

*“Now in the fourth watch of the night
Jesus went to them, walking on the
sea.” Matthew 14:25 (NKJV)*



C) The boat was Battered by the Waves.

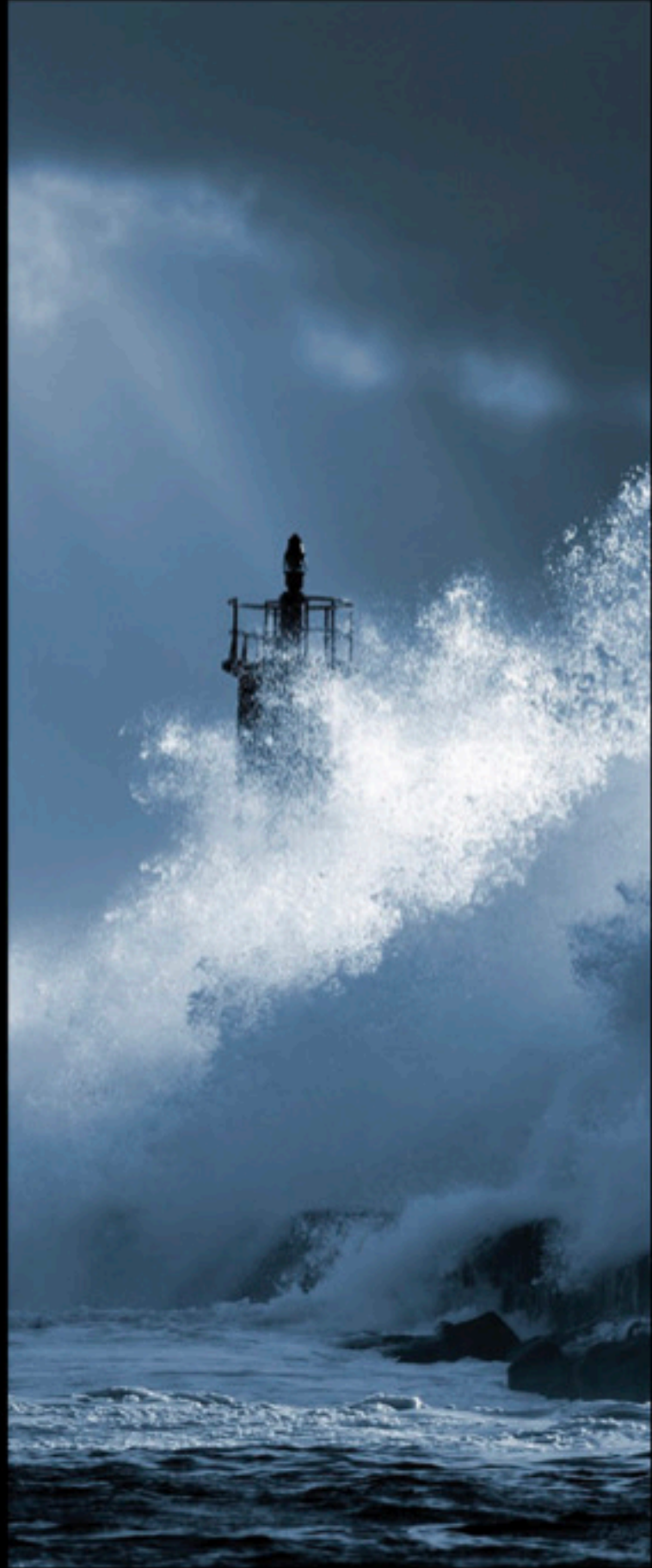
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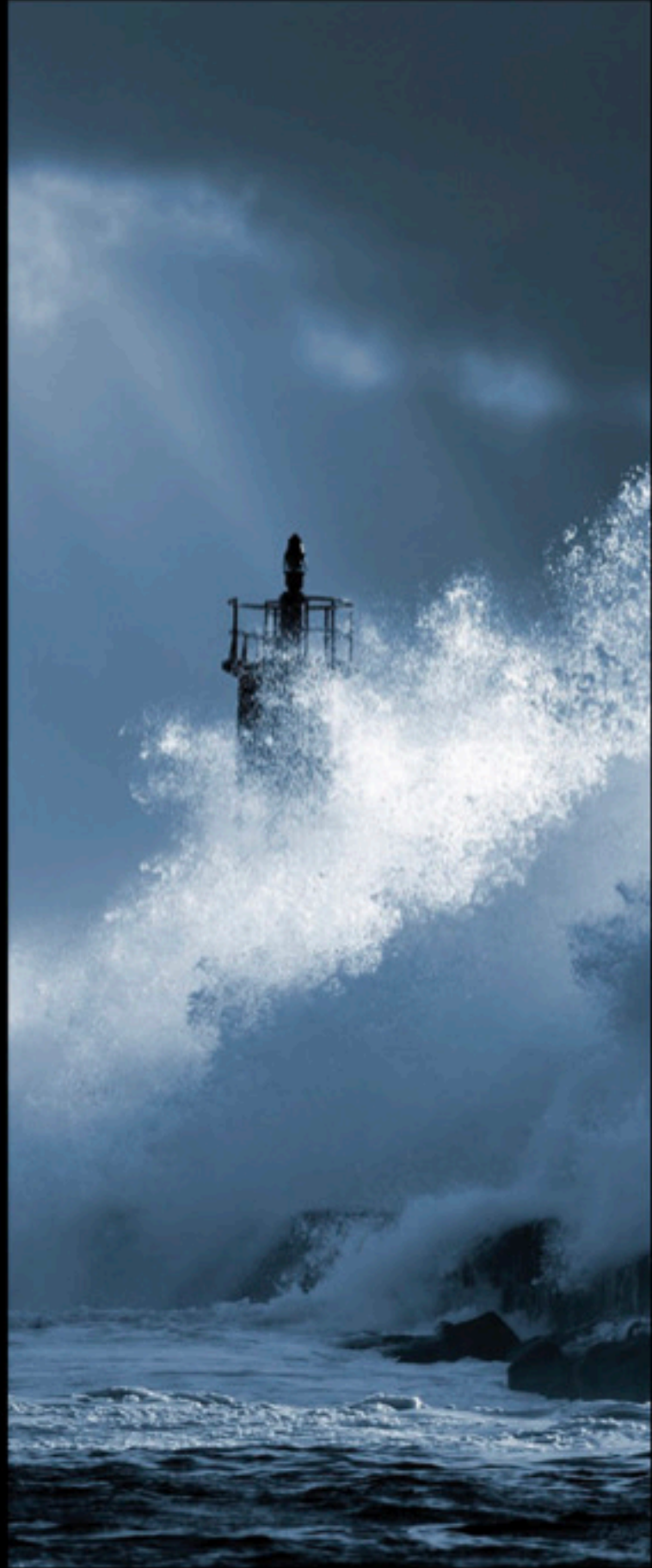
Matthew 14:23,24 (NKJV)



D) From John's Gospel, the boat was in the middle of the lake.

“So when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and they were afraid.” John 6:19
(NKJV) (5-6 Kilometers)





Questions:

Where are you Faithfully Struggling?

***Where have You been Rowing for
Days upon Months, and ...***

GETTING NOWHERE?

2. Jesus Sees You!



“Now when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea; and He was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ Then He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them. Now about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea, ...” Mark 6 47,48 (NKJV)





*“And when the disciples saw
Him walking on the sea, they were
troubled, saying, “It is a ghost!”
And they cried out for fear.”
Matthew 14: 26 (NKJV)*



***Is the Idea of Jesus
Coming to You Scary?***



*“But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.”
Matthew 14:27 (NKJV)*



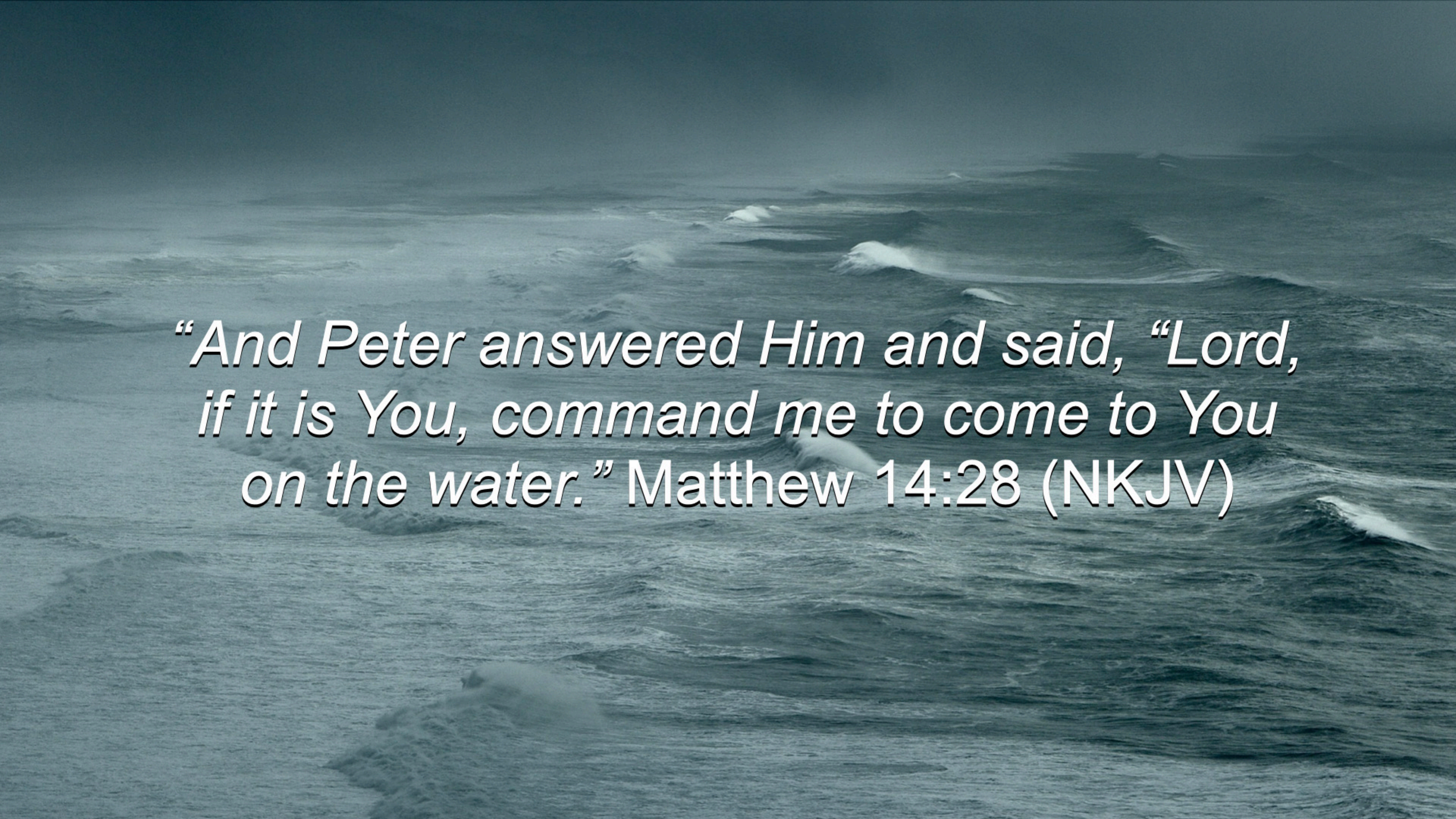
“Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.”

Matthew 9:2 (NKJV)

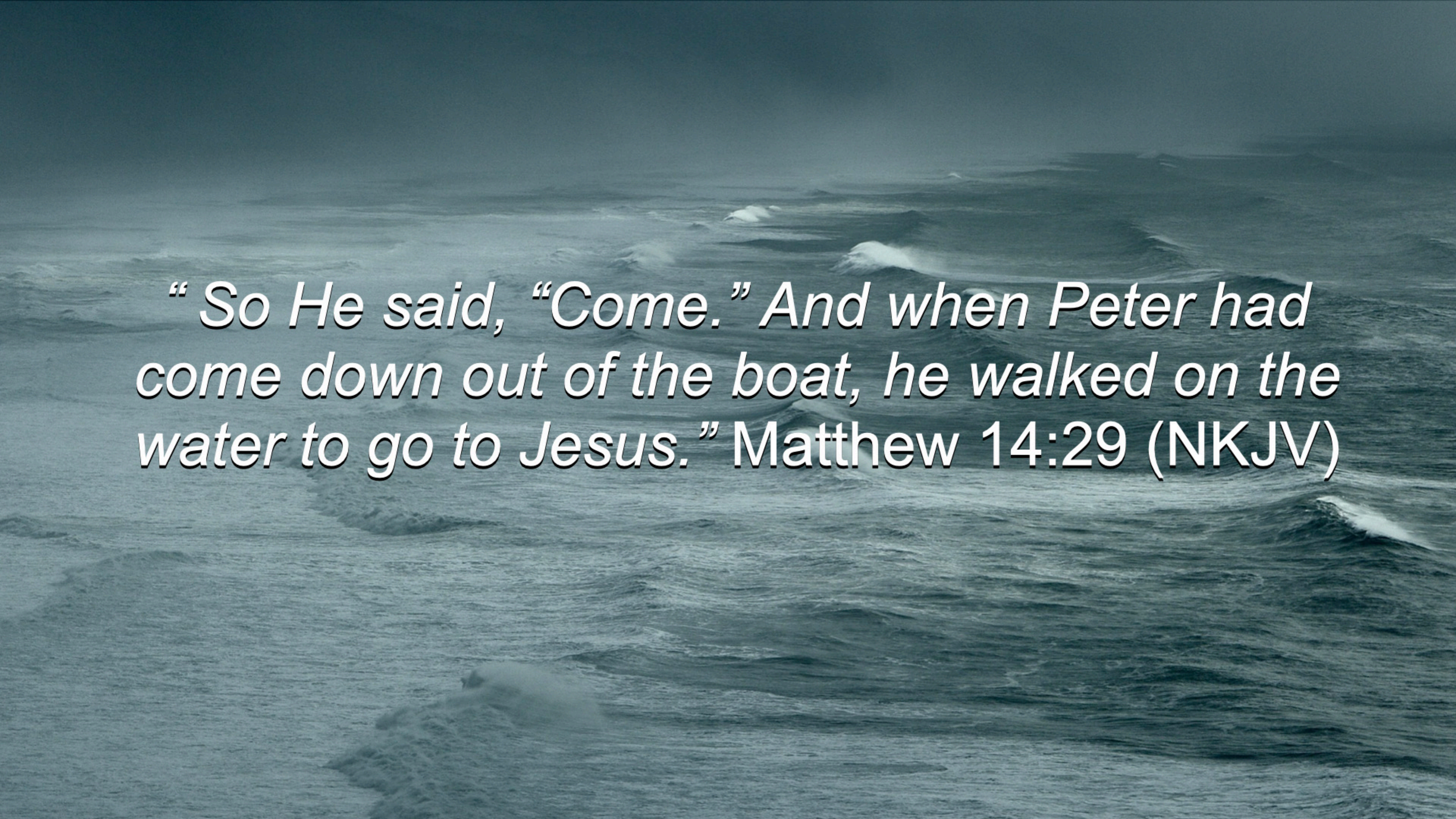


The background of the image is a vast, dark blue-grey sea with numerous white-capped waves. The sky above is a heavy, dark grey, suggesting an overcast or stormy day. The overall mood is somber and dramatic.

3. Go to Jesus; He is Where You will Be:



“And Peter answered Him and said, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” Matthew 14:28 (NKJV)



“ So He said, “Come.” And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.” Matthew 14:29 (NKJV)



***Are there any baby steps that Jesus
is calling you to obey Him?***







“But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!” Matthew 14:30 (NKJV)



“And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.” Matthew 14:31,32 (NKJV)



“And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand.”

John 10:28,29 (NKJV)



“I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.” Matthew 17:20 (NKJV)

“Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, “Truly You are the Son of God.” Matthew 14:22-33 (NKJV)



“So they were willing to take Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.”

John 6:21 (NKJV)



