

# WATER WALKING

LUKE 4:38-41

*Job 9:7-10 Who commands the sun...; who seals up the stars; who alone stretched out the heavens and trampled the waves of the sea;... who does great things beyond searching out, and marvelous things beyond number?*

1. Jesus experienced \_\_\_\_\_ in every way we do.

**1 Peter 4:1-2** [1] Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, [2] so as to **live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.**

**Go Deeper:** Is it easier to think of Jesus as “fully God” or “fully man?” What is one thing you love about Jesus-fully-God? What is one thing you love about Jesus-fully-man?

2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ about your times of refreshment.

[23] And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray.

**Go Deeper:** How are you doing with your “times of refreshment?” When your tank is empty, what is one negative way that manifests itself? How can you be more deliberate about your time with God?

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3. \_\_\_\_\_ keeps us trapped & paralyzed.

**Galatians 5:1** For freedom Christ has set us free...

**1 Peter 2:16** Live as people who are free...

**AW Tozer:** “The only fear I have is the fear to getting out of the will of God. Outside of the will of God, there’s nothing I want, and in the will of God there’s nothing I fear, for God has sworn to keep me in His will. If I’m out of his will that’s another matter. But if I’m in His will, He’s sworn to keep me.”

**Go Deeper:** Have you seen someone else trapped by fear (without gossiping, tell the story)? In your own life, when has fear kept you trapped? Why is it so hard to recognize the paralysis of fear?

4. It is only the call of Jesus that \_\_\_\_\_ your fear.

[28] Peter answers, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”

**Theodore Roosevelt** “It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”

**Go Deeper:** Read the quote above from Roosevelt. How does the fear of failure keep you stuck?

5. You will never fail when you \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

[31] Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

**Go Deeper:** Trusting Jesus is one of the most difficult things we do as Christians. When was the last time you *had to* trust him? When was the last time you *should have* trusted Him?