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Topic: **The Life of Apostle Peter – Weak Faith of Peter**

Scripture Text: Matthew 14: 22-33

1. When we are a young believer in Christ, we will usually start off with a small and weak faith. However, as we grow in years as a Christian, our faith cannot and should not remain weak. We ought to be strong in faith. For Peter, it is the same as his faith was still weak as seen in Matthew 14.
2. How do we know the nature of our faith if it is weak or strong? God will use testing to reveal to us. God knows everything but we need to know ourselves and how our faith stands before God. In Matt 14, the Lord Jesus insisted the disciples to go ahead first in a boat to travel across the Sea of Galilee. Jesus knew that the disciples will go through the storm in the journey without Him being physically present with them.
3. In the testing, the disciples saw the weakness of themselves with little faith as fear caught hold of them. They tried to row the boat but to no avail. Fear is the enemy of faith. The disciples had forgotten the power of Jesus and His deity. When Jesus walked on the water to come to the disciples, they cried in fear and thought it was a ghost. The way we respond to a test will reveal the nature of our faith.
4. Peter was bold to ask Jesus to walk on the water to come to Him. He could walk on the water in the beginning as he focused on Jesus. But after a while, he looked at the waves and sank. When we look at our problems, and not the Problem-Solver who is our Saviour Jesus Christ, we will fall as our faith is weak. Most of the time in our lives we live by sight rather than by faith.
5. Jesus rebuked Peter of his little faith. Yes, Peter has true faith but it was a small faith. Jesus wanted Peter to grow strong in faith. We need to pray and trust God for a growing faith and to know that every testing sent by God is for the growth and strengthening of our faith.