

FAITHFUL
Through The Seasons Of Life
Faithful In Obedience
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Three things to notice about Peter's prayer:

1. It's Shortness

"And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words."
Matthew 6:7

2. It's Source

"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."
Hebrews 4:16

3. It's Sincerity

"...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much"
James 5:16b

VI. OBEDIENCE REJOICES IN GOD'S PROTECTION

*"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."* Matthew 14:32-33

"I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety." Psalm 4:8

God is the only true source of protection.

BE FAITHFUL IN OBEDIENCE

INTRODUCTION

A. Solomon wrote, *"To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:"* (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Just like there are seasons in nature, you will go through different seasons in life. No matter what season you are in the one constant requirement from God is for you to be faithful.

"Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful."
I Corinthians 4:2

Faithful means to be full of faith!! And when you are faithful God will bless your life.

B. In this message series, Pastor Steve will reveal how to be faithful through the seasons of life. He will draw from forty years of experience in leading our church. He will guide you through six important seasons that are common to all of us. This six part series features the following messages:

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C. Text: Matthew 14:22-23

- Faith In Obedience: A Season Of Planting, Developing & Multiplying Our Church!
- Obedience Thought: Obedience is doing what you are told to do when you are told to do it with the right heart attitude.

HOW TO BE FAITHFUL IN OBEDIENCE

I. OBEDIENCE RESTS IN GOD'S WILL

“22 Immediately 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. Now when evening came, He was alone there.

24 But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.” Matthew 14:22-24

“Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.” I Peter 4:19

‘These are two kinds of storms: storms of correction for discipline and storms of perfection for growth.

II. OBEDIENCE REALIZES GOD'S PRESENCE

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.” Matthew 14:25-27

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.” Isaiah 43:2

God never promised to keep you from trouble, but He did promise to go with you through trouble.

III. OBEDIENCE RECEIVES GOD'S WORD

“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,... Matthew 14:28-29a

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Romans 10:17

Faith is not taking a blind step into the darkness of this world, but making a bold step into the light of His Word.

“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Isaiah 6:8

The greatest ability is availability.

IV. OBEDIENCE RELEASES GOD'S POWER

“29 ...he walked on the water to go to Jesus. Matthew 14:29c

“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.” I John 5:4

You sink in life when we take our eyes off of God and put them on your circumstances.

V. OBEDIENCE RELIES ON GOD'S HELP

“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?” Matthew 14:30-31

“Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.” Jeremiah 33:3