

# But God: Grow Your Faith By Moving Beyond Failures!

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**Matthew 14:27**, *But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."* 28 *"Lord, if it's You," Peter replied, "tell me to come to You on the water."* 29 *"Come," He said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.* 30 *But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"* 31 *Immediately Jesus reached out His hand and caught him. "You of little faith," He said, "why did you doubt?"*

### Principles For Growing Your Faith:

#### 1 - **BE WHERE God Wants You To Be**

**Matthew 14:22**, *Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowd.*

**Hebrews 10:23**, *Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He Who promised is faithful.* 24 *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,* 25 *not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another...*

#### 2 - **Don't Be Afraid Of CIRCUMSTANCES**

**Matthew 14:24**, *...the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it...* 27 *But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."*

**Psalm 56:3**, *When I am afraid, I put my trust in You. 4 In God, Whose Word I praise—in God I trust and am not afraid.*

### **3 - DISCERN What God Wants You To Do—Then DO IT!**

**Matthew 14:28**, *“Lord, if it’s You,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to You on the water.” 29 “Come,” He said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.*

**Proverbs 3:5**, *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.*

**Psalm 119:105**, *Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.*

### **4 - Don’t Take Your EYES OFF JESUS**

**Matthew 14:30**, *But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”*

**Proverbs 4:25**, *Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you.*

**Matthew 6:33**, *But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

### **5 - LEARN Something From Every Experience**

**Matthew 14:31**, *Immediately Jesus reached out His hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” He said, “why did you doubt?”*

**Psalm 46:1**, *God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.*

**Romans 8:35**, *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ... 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us.*

### **6 - SUCCESS Is Measured By The Impact You Have On OTHERS**

**Matthew 14:33**, *Then those who were in the boat worshiped Him,*

*saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."*

**Romans 8:28**, *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.*