

# WE (ARE) OUT HERE

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## THE LORD'S FLOCK GROW DIGEST

The phrase "**We (Are) Out Here**" conveys *presence* and perfectly captures the heart of Jesus' message in Matthew 14:22–29. No matter how strong or fierce the storms of life may be, Jesus is there watching, sustaining, and revealing Himself to us. Thus, these storms fortify our faith in Him.

### 1. FAITH IS ESSENTIAL TO CHRISTIAN LIFE

1.1. Faith is like oxygen in our relationship with God; it is essential to our spiritual life.

- 1.1.1 We are saved by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8–9).
- 1.1.2 We walk by faith, not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7).
- 1.1.3 Without faith, it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:6).

1.2. Faith is active because it demands movement and obedience. As Scripture teaches, faith without action is dead (James 2:17).

1.3. Everything that we do in our spiritual journey is a step of faith.

### 2. FAITH REQUIRES TAKING RISKS

2.1. Faith is not always safe, comfortable, or predictable. Hence, it often calls us beyond our comfort zones and challenges us to stop playing it safe.

2.2. Faith requires courage to take risks in obedience to God as we saw in the lives of Abraham, who left his homeland; the disciples, who abandoned their livelihoods; and Peter, who stepped out of the boat despite the uncertainties.

2.3. Faith is a life of trusting God. Often, God gives greater revelation and understanding after we have taken a step of faith in obedience.

### 3. STORMS OF LIFE ARE GOD'S SETUP FOR FAITH

3.1. We can be exactly where God wants us to be and still face hardship, because storms are not always the result of disobedience; sometimes, they are part of God's plan to strengthen our faith.

3.2 The storm prepared the disciples for the time when Jesus would no longer be physically present with them. They learned to trust Him by faith.

3.3 If we are in the season that God wants us to do something, and faced with storms in the middle, we should know that God is not done yet because the middle is not the end. When Jesus tells us, "Go to the other side," we are confident that we will make it through the other side, because God is with us by faith."

3.4 Storms are opportunities for God to reveal His power and authority over everything that threatens us. Jesus walked on the very thing that terrified and threatened the disciples. What was overwhelming to them was under His feet. It was in the storm that Jesus revealed His power and authority.

### 4. THE OBJECT OF OUR FAITH IS JESUS

4.1. Even little faith placed in Jesus is enough to get us through the strongest storm.

4.2. Faith grows when our focus remains on Christ rather than on our circumstances.

4.3. Jesus is the source, sustainer, and finisher of our faith.

4.4. God sees us (**El Roi**, "The God Who Sees"), and we can trust that He is near even when we cannot see, feel, or hear Him.

**Conclusion:** Christians must keep their eyes on Jesus, take courageous steps of faith, and remember His reassuring message: "**We Are Out Here**"—He is with us; He sees us; and He will bring us safely to the other side.

#### Reflection:

1. When was the last time you took a bold risk of faith?
2. What are some of the things that keep you from taking risks?

**Prayer:** Lord, thank You for being with us in every storm of life. When fear and uncertainty surround us, help us to trust in Your unfailing presence. Amen.

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