

## Jesus Walks on Water

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The longer we live, the less confident we are of this world and this life. This fact should make us look elsewhere until we find that confidence in Jesus Christ – for sure for our salvation but also just in living life.

How confident are you in Jesus for salvation (saving faith)? How confident are you in living your life in Christ (life faith)?

*“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”*

Hebrews 11:1

There are ways to bolster our confidence in Jesus:

### **1. Pray for confidence** (life faith)

*“Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, ‘I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief.’”*

Mark 9:24

*“Lord, if it is you, Peter said, ‘tell me to come to you on the water.’”*

Matthew 14:28

### **2. Personal experiences of God’s activity builds confidence.**

Woman at the well. spiritual life event. Cards/Daniel

### **3. Hearing the experiences of others strengthens confidence.** (life faith)

By faith, Peter stepped out of the boat.

By faith, Noah built an ark to save his family.

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went.

By faith, Abraham, even though he was passed age and Sarah herself was barren, was enabled to become a father.

By faith, the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land.

By faith, the walls of Jericho fell.

#### **4. Use healthy Christians as mentors of confidence.**

**(Lori H). (Jesus)** – Paul – Roger Bannister first to run 5 minute mile.  
we need mentors to improve our game -

#### **5. Be soaked in God's word. God's word bolsters confidence in God.**

Jesus told Peter, *"Take courage. It is I. Don't be afraid."*

Read the Psalms of Confidence often; 11, 23, 27, 46, 63, 139

*" . . faith comes by hearing the message, and the message is through word of Christ."*

Romans 10:17

*"The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life  
– of whom shall I be afraid?"*

Psalms 27:1

#### **The Four Key Passages for Greater Confidence in God.**

*"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him., who have been  
called to his purposes."*

Romans 8:28

*"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my  
thoughts than your thoughts."*

Isaiah 55:9

*"For no word from God will ever fail." –*

Luke 1:37 (the cards)

*"Cast all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you."*

1 Peter 5:7

The best way to grow in godly confidence is to live life focused on Jesus. Nurture an intimate relationship with the Lord and watch for His movements to occur in your life.