

## QUOTES – WALKING WITH JESUS OVER TROUBLED WATERS

8/6/23 – Bert Turner

1. An Unwanted Command
2. The Provision of Christ
3. An Unmistakable Revelation

### Main Points

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“What greater misery could we imagine than to be always so fearful and distressed? To say that God had abandoned man, the noblest of his creatures, to the whim of fate, would be derogatory to him. My intention here is only to speak of how miserable man would be if his life was ruled by chance. On the contrary, if the light of God’s providence shines in the believer’s heart, not only will he be free of the fear and anguish which afflicted him before, he will also be relieved of every doubt. For as we have a justified fear of fate, so we are right boldly to entrust ourselves to God. We are thus wonderfully comforted to know the Lord so holds all things in his power, rules by his will and controls by his wisdom, that nothing occurs except as he has ordained it; and moreover that he has taken us under his protection and has given his angels charge over us, so that neither flood nor fire nor sword nor anything else can hurt us unless his will determines otherwise.”

### John Calvin, *Institutes*

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But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take courage, I am the One. Do not be afraid. But having responded to Him, Peter said, “Master, if You are the One, order me to come to You across the waters.”

### Matthew 14:27–28, *New Testament TransLine*

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- God had compassion on Israel and taught them the law of Moses
- Jesus had compassion on the crowds and taught them the law of Christ
  
- God promised health and healing through the law of Moses
- Jesus healed their sickness and disease with his words
  
- God provided manna from heaven
- Jesus multiplied the bread and loaves
  
- Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, “and the Lord drove sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and were divided”
- The disciples struggled against the wind all night until Jesus appeared

- They did not understand the significance of Jesus revealing himself as the fulfillment of all the OT law and prophets

### **Exodus and Matthew Similarities**

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48 And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, 49 but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, 50 for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

### **Mark 6:48–50 (emphasis added)**

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Moses said, "Please show me your glory." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The Lord.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy."

### **Exodus 33:17–19 (emphasis added)**

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The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

### **Exodus 34:6–7 (emphasis added)**

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"I the Lord... visit the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation *of those who hate me*, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments."

### **Exodus 20:5 (emphasis added)**

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But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

### **Matthew 14:30–31**

23 And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. 24 And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. 25 And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing." 26 And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. 27 And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"

**Matthew 8:23-27**