

Draw the Circle

The 40 Day Prayer Challenge

Week 2: CIRCLE THE STORM

Introduction:

- Read Matthew 14:22-33 (NASB).
- As we approach today's passage, Jesus has already been battling a storm.
 1. John the Baptist had been beheaded.
 2. Crowds kept coming...so He had compassion on them and healed many.
 3. And that continued all day. In fact, He was there until the evening, and before sending the crowd away, He fed them.

II. The Story

A. By verse 22, *"Go on ahead of Him to the other side."*

1. And they _____ went.

B. Verse 24:

1. The word **BATTERED** means – to be _____,
to be _____ by torture.
2. The word **WIND** means – air, gusting with _____
_____.

3. The word **CONTRARY** means – _____.

4. That means...there is _____ in the sending.

C. Why?

1. Because there can be _____ in our faith if there is never a storm to test it.

a. 1 Peter 1:6-7

2. Storms tend to cause us to _____.

a. Storms tend to drive us to our prayer closets...
to our knees.

Well, back to the story...

D. But look how the disciples respond (v.26) – _____.

1. The word **fear** in the Bible, typically _____
_____.

2. And Jesus says COME!

a. Come is an imperative, a command, an invitation.

b. Requires a _____.

c. And Peter steps out.

Conclusion: