

Today's passage is the story of Jesus walking on the water to meet His disciples who were caught in a storm. This is also the fifth sign in the Gospel of John. There is a key theme that runs through today's passage, and that is prayer. When we look closely at the events of today's passage, we see that Jesus prayed, the disciples prayed, and Peter prayed. And through this, God teaches us how to experience Jesus Christ, the Son of God, through prayer. In another sense, this passage shows us why we must pray in the face of life's storms and how we can experience Jesus when we do pray.

First, through prayer, Jesus shows us the right position and direction.

After the miracle of feeding the five thousand, the people tried to make Jesus king by force (John 6:15). So, Jesus went to a place of prayer (Matthew 14:23). The position that Jesus had to take on this earth was not to become the king of the people. He came to give His life as a ransom for many, to bear the cross and pay the price for the sins of all mankind, and to die. Jesus was to head towards the cross. That is why prayer is important. We need the place of prayer to recognize our smallness, to know the greatness of the Lord, and to discern the mission God has entrusted to us. Only prayer leads us to the right position and direction. For the disciples, being among the people after the miracle of the five loaves and two fish could have been a dangerous place. In all four Gospels, it was through the disciples that Jesus performed this miracle. The disciples must have been really excited. As the people exalted Jesus and wanted to make Him king, they might have felt elevated themselves. In this sense, if we look at the passage, the storm on the Sea of Galilee began to brew first in the hearts of the disciples. And God wanted the disciples to humbly look to Him again and move towards the way He desired.

Second, through prayer, we can experience Jesus' love coming to us.

Even people who do not believe in Jesus face problems that cannot be solved with their own strength, experience, or knowledge. And believers in Jesus also face problems that cannot be solved with their own strength, experience, or knowledge. But what is the real difference? The real difference is that, when believers in Jesus throw up their hands in surrender, admitting, "I cannot do this on my own," they experience the power of Jesus coming to them, even walking across the water in the midst of the storm, to be with them. I hope you will believe in this promise of love. And may you experience this promise of love through prayer in the midst of the storm, in the name of the Lord.

Third, through prayer, we can experience the power of Jesus working through us.

In addition to the account in the Gospel of John, the Gospels of Matthew and Mark also include another miracle in the story of Jesus walking on water: Peter walking on water. In the history of mankind, only Jesus and Peter have ever walked on water. How was Peter, who was not the Son of God or the Christ, able to walk on water? It was because Jesus worked through Peter by His word. Jesus promised that when we pray in His name, He will work through our prayers (John 14:12). He promised that we can do what He did and even greater things than these.

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son." (John 14:13)

**Bible
Reading**

10/21(Mon)	10/22(Tue)	10/23(Wed)	10/24(Thur)	10/25(Fri)	10/26(Sat)	10/27(Sun)
Matthew 27-28	Mark 1-3	Mark 4-6	Mark 7-8	Mark 9-10	Mark 11-13	Mark 14

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Quiet Time Passage

10/21(Mon)	10/22(Tue)	10/23(Wed)	10/24(Thur)	10/25(Fri)	10/26(Sat)	10/27(Sun)
Galatians 2:11-21	Galatians 3:1-9	Galatians 3:10-18	Galatians 3:19-29	Galatians 4:1-11	Galatians 4:12-20	Galatians 4:21-31

**Sharing
Questions**

1. Please share any grace of God you experienced through last Sunday's sermon or through your weekly devotional time.

2. Please share what you newly realized or were blessed with from this week's sermon.

3. If you are facing a storm-like problem in your life, please share how you are approaching God in prayer, and let's pray together.