

A Thrill of Walking on Water
(Matthew 14:22-33)

Matthew 14 records one of the most hectic day for Jesus. John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus was beheaded by Herod. When Jesus got the news at once he withdrew from the crowd by a boat alone into a solitary deserted place - might be to lament, relax emotionally and physically. However, it did not happen for the crowd reached the place already before him. He saw them and was with them the whole day.

After feeding the crowd of thousands out of five bread and two fishes that was brought to him, he sent the crowd away and *'immediately he made the disciples get into the boat... himself to pray (vs22ff)'*. The whole night he was in prayer.

A Boat in crises: Meanwhile, a boisterous tempest arose against the boat and it tossed about violently. Disciples were terrified, shaken and exhausted. This was the only time Jesus was not with them. Nevertheless, Jesus knew what was going on with his disciples. Like the disciples, we all have our share of problems and challenges in this world. But in Christ our fears and doubts are dispelled: He said, *'...Do not let your heart be troubled and do not be afraid'* John. 14:27.

Jesus walks on the water: Early in the morning Jesus was on his way to join them. He went walking on the water. When they saw Jesus they were all the more terrified and cried out, *'It is Ghost'*. It is not uncommon to man. Trials and difficulties shaken believers tend to forget the Lord. A hymn writer said *"Many things about tomorrow; I don't seem to understand. But I know who holds tomorrow and I know he holds my hand"*. Amidst their struggle there came a tender voice, **Take courage! It is I, Don't be afraid.'**

Peter walks on water: How and why? Except Peter the rest remained quiet. At once Peter shouted back saying, *'Lord ...command me to come to You on the water (NKJV)'*. *'Come'*, Jesus replied. Peter trusted in Jesus' word and immediately stepped out of the boat. He began to walk on water unhindered keeping his eyes fixed on Jesus. Seeing the wind he began to sink. Jesus reached out his hand: hold him by hand and walked together towards the boat. In the whole of eternity none but Peter alone had the thrill of walking on the water with Jesus. Greater thrill still is walking with Jesus hand in hand. The sea calmed down only when they stepped in to the boat. The same Jesus is with us in all our situations. He holds our hand. Nothing can *'separate us from the love of Christ (Rom. 8:35).'*

The eleven remained inside the boat. They did not show any excitement as Peter did. They were still unable to get out of the shock. Some may question Peter being rush instead of waiting together with the rest. And yet he did come out of the boat and stepped on the water and walked. Peter knew who Jesus is. He loved to be with Jesus as David said, *'One thing' David 'asked of the Lord' and 'seek' to is to 'dwell in the house of the Lord..., to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord (Psalm 27:4)'*.

They could have as well enjoyed the same as Peter which they missed. Today many so called Christians do the same. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus and walk with the Lord: *'Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... (Heb.12:1-2).'*

- M. Odyuo, Associate Pastor



**CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD
AND THE WISDOM OF GOD**

City Church

SUNDAY SERVICE

- Leader : Daniel Thong
- Speaker : Pastor Mhanchumo Latha
- Ushers : Kaka Zhimomi & Chumlano Odyuo
- Keyboard : Vizolenuo Solo
- Flower : Esther L. Konyak

Call to Worship

Praise & Worship

Reading: Psalm 25:1-16

Mass Prayer

- Announcement
- Offertory
- Hymn **No. 288** : Only Trust Him
- Message
- Hymn **No. 309** : Oh, How I love Jesus
- Benediction



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VISION statement of the City Church:

City Church seeks to honor and worship Jesus Christ as Lord and the only God; and to build the Body of Christ (The Church) with all who love Him as disciples, proclaiming Him as the Savior to all nations.

AIMS of the City Church:

Worship: *To Worship God and exalt His name together as a Church.*

Fellowship: *To build the body of Christ with all who love Him through mutual sharing, help and growth.*

Evangelism: *To witness for Christ both by proclamation and by lifestyle so as to cause others to experience God's great salvation.*

Discipleship: *To establish members as disciples of Jesus Christ through systematic Bible Studies and teaching and equip them for effective service.*

Mission: *To send out people in obedience to God's call and command to reach the un-reached for Christ.*

PSALM 25:1-16

- ¹ In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.
² I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
³ No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame,
but shame will come on those
who are treacherous without cause.
⁴ Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.
⁵ Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.
⁶ Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.
⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways; according to your love
remember me, for you, LORD, are good.
⁸ Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.
⁹ He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.
¹⁰ All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.
¹¹ For the sake of your name, LORD,
forgive my iniquity, though it is great.
¹² Who, then, are those who fear the LORD?
He will instruct them in the ways they should choose.
¹³ They will spend their days in prosperity,
and their descendants will inherit the land.
¹⁴ The LORD confides in those who fear him;
he makes his covenant known to them.
¹⁵ My eyes are ever on the LORD,
for only he will release my feet from the snare.
¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.

PRAYER:

- Pray for church leaders in our land including their loved ones for God's blessing and leading so that they would be able to lead the church in the right direction, bringing spiritual transformation in our land for greater glory of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Pray for our Government and the people in authority. Pray that they would rule the state in the fear of the Lord, bringing justice and prosperity to our land for benefit of the people of our state.
- Pray for the NCF Hyderabad Silver Jubilee celebration on 19th August for God's blessing and also remembering our members travelling to attend the Jubilee for journey mercies.

Sunday, 5th August, 2018

Tithes	: ₹1,23,850/-	Offering	: ₹ 9,510/-
Mission	: ₹ 3,000/-	Building	: ₹ 2,05,000/-
Nagamese	: ₹ 130/-	Total	: ₹ 3,41,490/-

Church Building Update



Work in progress for the Main Church floor which will be completed by September. To meet this work schedule, an amount of Rs. 10.00 (Ten) lakhs only is required.

We appeal to our worshippers and members for your continued prayer support and financial contribution.

INFORMATION

- Next Thursday women's will have colony wise fellowship at **5pm**.
- Enroute today at **3pm**. Come and be blessed!
- Wednesday Bible Study and prayer, **5:00 - 6:30 pm**.
- Mrs. Toshinara Ovung is ministering in the Nagamese Fellowship Today