

“Take courage”... “Don’t be afraid”... “Come”
Matthew 14:22-33

I have been blessed by taking the class “Lectio Divina” which challenged me to look at Scripture by reading and listening to what those verses say to me personally and possibly putting myself in the place of those in the Scripture.

As I look at today’s Scripture, I realize that we need Jesus’ encouragement in order to be successful in our daily walk with Him. It takes courage to step out in faith as we try to be the person we need to be. . . we need to push fear aside and accept Jesus’ invitation to “come.” Not to walk on water, but to just walk through each day, doing what we need to do and to take the opportunity to share our faith without fear of what others might think. We do not want to be believers who allow doubt to hold us back or cause us to sink, yet we can rest in the knowledge that Jesus will be there to pick us up when our faith eludes us. We should be reminded of all Jesus and His Father have done for us. Everyday has its challenges and successes and we need to be thankful for both because those experiences help us to grow stronger in our personal relationships with the Lord and those around us.

Dear God, As we step out in faith, help us listen for Your encouragement and grow in our love for You and for Your Word. Amen.

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