What do we learn from the time indicators in this narrative?

- **14:15**
- **14:23**
- **14:25**

What unexpected, miraculous thing did Jesus do (25)?

How did the disciples react to what they saw (26)?

How did Jesus respond to their fears (27)?

How did Peter react (28-30)?

How did Jesus respond to Peter's request (29) and doubt (31)?

What was conclusion to this amazing sequence of events (33)?

#### **Get It**

What are the indicators that Jesus was sovereign over these events from beginning to end?

What situations cause you to worry or be afraid?

What circumstances cause you to doubt or waver in your faith?

What events or experiences have led you to trust in Jesus?

What circumstances have led you to spontaneous worship or acknowledgement of Christ?

#### Live It

What step of faith do you need to take today?

## **Peter: Emerging Faith**

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Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. 23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. <sup>25</sup> Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." 28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." 29 "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and. beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" 32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Matthew 14:22–33 (NIV)

# Open It

Share a time when you took a risk only to realize too late that you were in over your head.

### **Study It**

In what circumstances do the disciples find themselves (22-24)?

Where did Jesus go after He dismissed the crowd (23)?