






	FLIP THE SCRIPT - Walking on Water
 BIG IDEA	Real faith is not about control but about closeness.
 ICE BREAKER	What's the most adventurous thing you've ever done that your friends or family thought was crazy? Would you do it again?
 MAIN POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Even Jesus needed to slip away to stay focused on the Father</li> <li>• You may feel alone, but you are never unseen</li> <li>• What you think will sink you, He uses as a path to reach you</li> <li>• Real Faith is About Closeness, Not Control</li> <li>• The safest place is next to Jesus, even in the storm</li> <li>• "Faith is not the absence of fear, it's the presence of focus" - Timothy Keller</li> <li>• Jesus Coaches, He Doesn't Condemn</li> <li>• Peter's distraction and doubt weren't disqualifications. They were an opportunity to develop his faith</li> </ul>
 DISCUSS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Shan started with the idea that "most of us don't have a faith problem—we have a focus problem." Do you agree with this? Why or why not?</li> <li>2. What does your current rhythm of prayer/quiet time with God look like? What would it take to build a daily rhythm of time with Jesus to stay focused?</li> <li>3. The disciples struggled all night while Jesus watched from the mountain. Have you experienced a time when you felt like God was distant during a difficult season? How does knowing "you are never unseen" change your perspective?</li> <li>4. Jesus used the storm as a path to reach the disciples. What current "storm" in your life might actually be a way for you to get closer to Jesus? How does this shift your perspective?</li> <li>5. Peter asked to come to Jesus rather than asking Jesus to stop the storm. When you pray about your problems, are you typically asking for control (remove this) or closeness (draw me nearer)? What would change if you shifted your focus?</li> <li>6. Peter started sinking when he looked at the wind instead of Jesus. What tends to distract you from focusing on Jesus?</li> <li>7. How does understanding that Jesus was catching and coaching Peter and not condemning him in his struggle change your perspective? Why do you think so many of us</li> </ol>
 NEXT STEP	John Ortberg said "If you want to walk on water, you've got to get out of the boat." Identify and share a "boat" (comfort zone, safe situation) God might be calling you to step out of right now.
 SCRIPTURE	<p>Matthew 14:26-27 - They were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage, it is I. Don't be afraid."</p> <p>Matthew 14:29-31 "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"</p>
 NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEAK	Join us next week and invite a friend as continue the FLIP THE SCRIPT series exploring Jesus' miracles!

