



# HOW TO ENDURE LIFE'S STORMS?



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Everyone experiences difficulties in this life!



Our days are few and full of trouble (Job 14:1)



A consequence of man's sin (Gen. 3:19; Rom. 5:12)



The hardships, troubles, and pain we experience in this life should prompt us to seek something better and greater apart from ourselves (Heb 11:13-16; 1 Pet 2:11; Acts 17:24-28)



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Our perception, reaction, and response to our “storm” will determine the effect the storm has on us!



To what or to whom can unbelievers, who refuse to believe, turn? (Is. 31:1, 3; 57:13; Jer. 17:5)



Pride, anger, bitterness, & stubbornness will only ensure destruction (Jam. 1:19,20)



Unbelievers can become believers and turn to God! (Mat. 11:28-31).



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## **Jeremiah 17:7–8 (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed *is* the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord. <sup>8</sup> For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.





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<sup>24</sup> “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: <sup>25</sup> and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup> “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: <sup>27</sup> and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”



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## **1 Corinthians 10:12–13 (NKJV)**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.



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- BELIEVERS experience storms too. (Jam. 1:2; Mt. 5:45; Job; 2 Tim. 3:12)
- BELIEVERS should understand the purpose of storms (Jam. 1:2-6; Rom. 5:1-5; 1 Pet. 1:3-9)
- BELIEVERS should understand the temporary nature of storms (Rom. 8:17,18; 2 Cor. 4:16-18)
- BELIEVERS must continue to trust God to sustain us **THROUGH** the storm (James 1:5,6; 1 Cor. 10:13; 1 Pet. 1:3-9)



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## Deuteronomy 4:29–31 (NKJV)

<sup>29</sup> But from there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find *Him* if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>30</sup> When you are in distress, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the Lord your God and obey His voice <sup>31</sup> (for the Lord your God *is* a merciful God), He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.



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■ The LORD warned Israel that if they turned from His commandments they would suffer calamity, but if they returned to Him & obeyed Him, He would deliver them! (De. 4:29, 30. Ju. 3:9, 10; 10:10–16. Ps. 106:44. Ho. 6:1; 14:1–3)

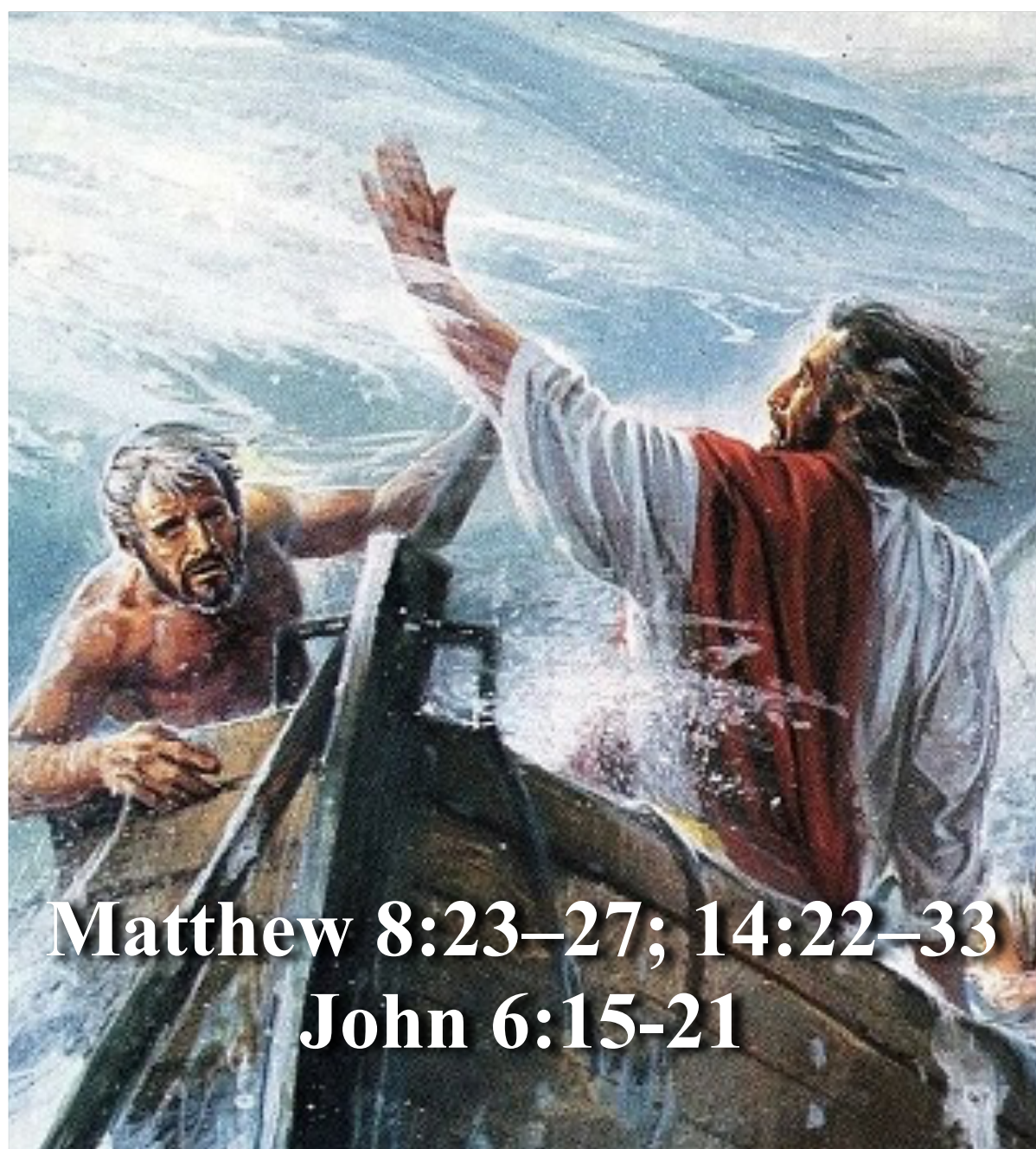
■ God graciously forgives sinners who repent, (*turns from their sin to serve Him*) (Eze. 18:20-32; Ep. 2:1,5,8,9; Co. 2:12,13)

■ God's attitude towards those who repent is clearly demonstrated in the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 18:11-24,32)



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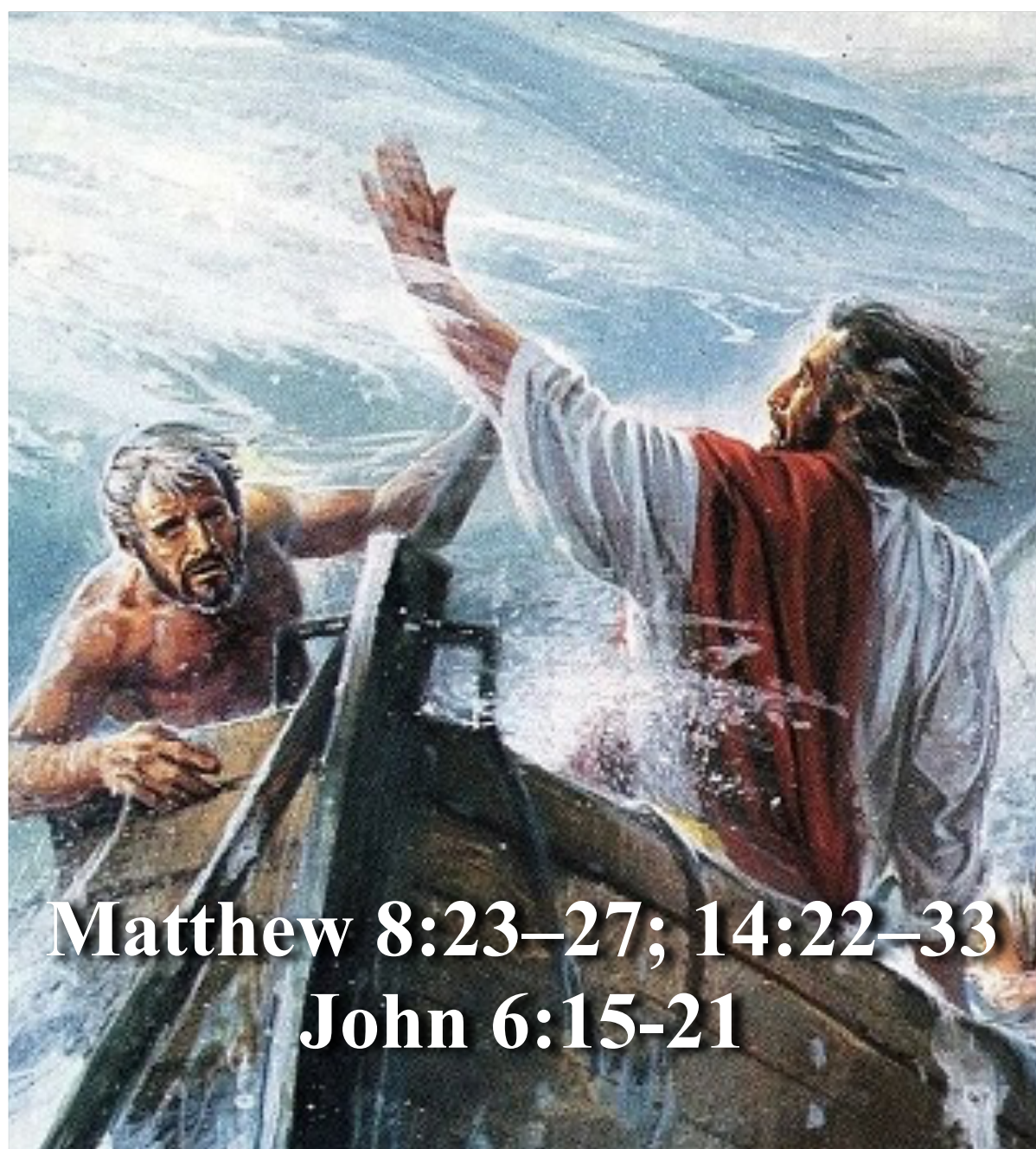
### Matthew 8:23–27 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. <sup>24</sup> And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. <sup>25</sup> Then His disciples came to *Him* and awoke Him, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!” <sup>26</sup> But He said to them, “**Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?**” Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. <sup>27</sup> So the men marveled, saying, “Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”



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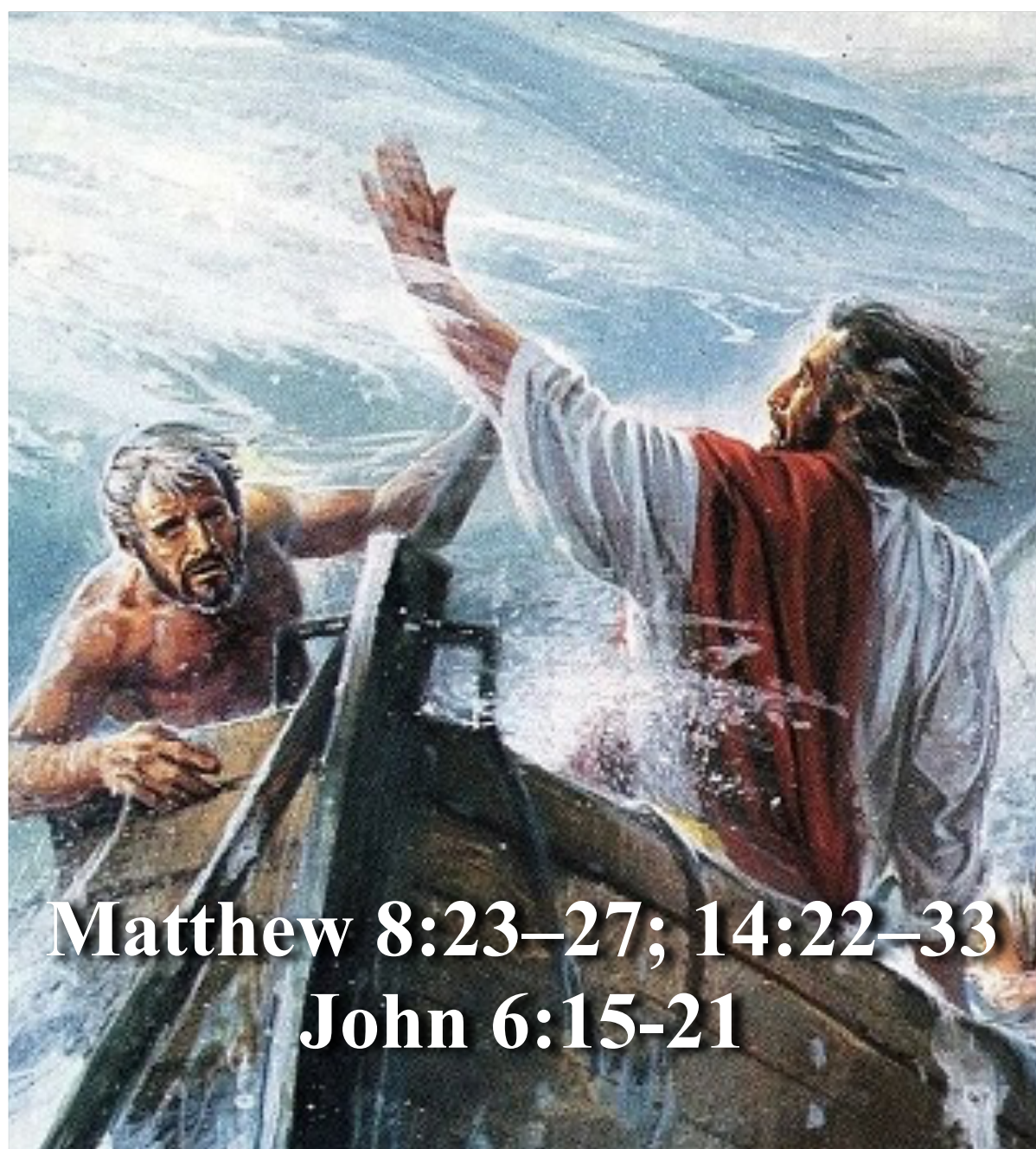
### **Matthew 14:22–33 (NKJV)**

<sup>22</sup> Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. <sup>23</sup> And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. <sup>24</sup> But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. <sup>25</sup> Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. ...



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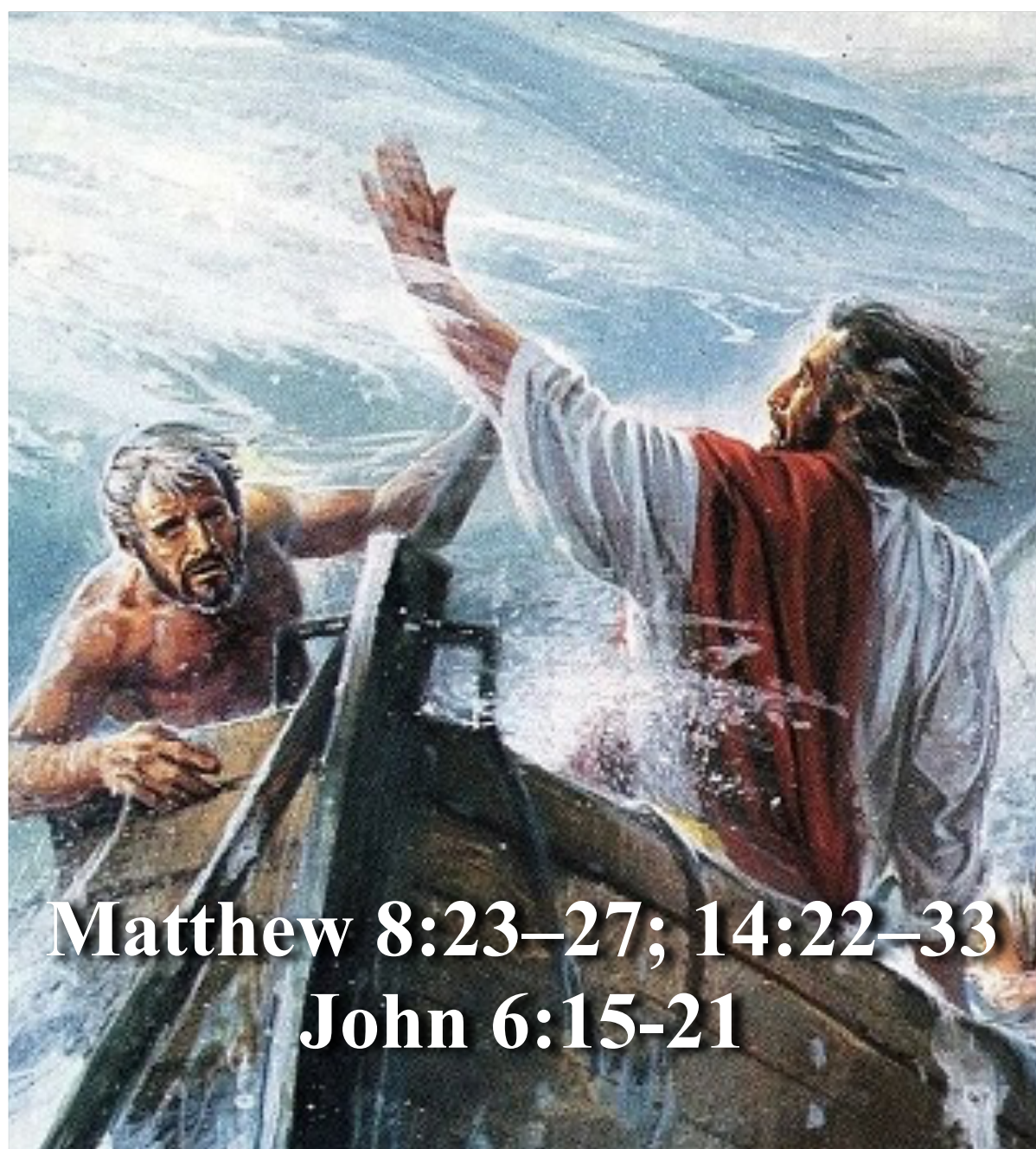
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<sup>26</sup> And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “**Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.**” <sup>28</sup> And Peter answered Him and said, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” <sup>29</sup> So He said, “**Come.**” And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.



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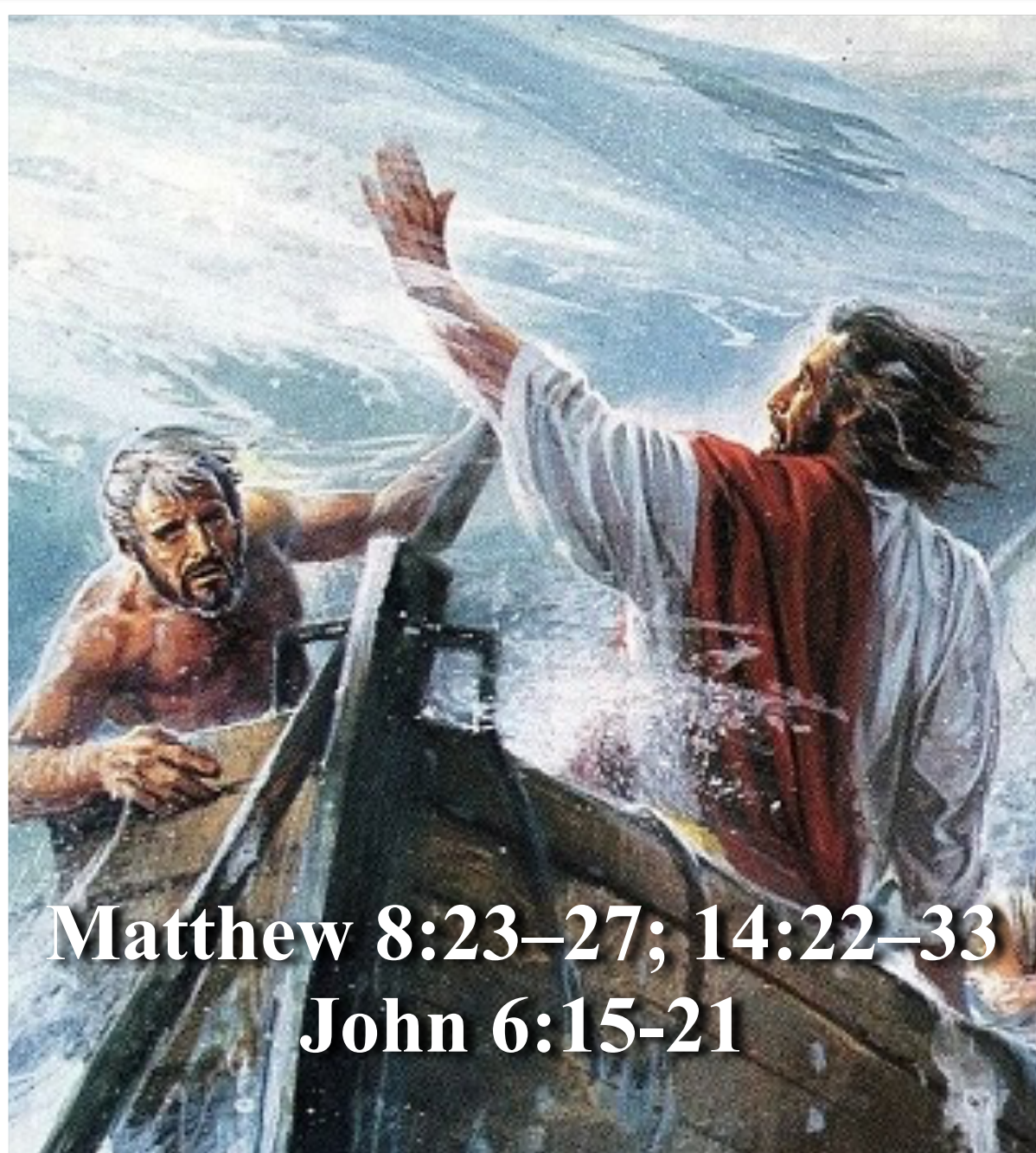
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<sup>30</sup> But when he saw that the wind *was* boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!” <sup>31</sup> And immediately Jesus stretched out *His* hand and caught him, and said to him, “**O you of little faith, why did you doubt?**” <sup>32</sup> And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, “Truly You are the Son of God.”



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- Remember Who is in control (Mat 8:25-27; Ps 65:7; 89:9; 93:3, 4; 107:29)
- Remember how storms can help us (Mt 14:22; Ja 1:2-6; Ro 5:3-5; 1 Pet. 1:6-9)
- Remember we can't make it on our own (Jn 6:19; Mt 14:24,25; Eph 2:8-10)
- Remember Jesus is ALWAYS near to help (Heb. 4:15,16; 7:25; 12:1-11; Rom. 8:34)



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- When Jesus is in our lives – there is peace (Mat 14:31-33; Phili. 4:6,7)
- When our hearts and minds are focused on the things of God, we will have peace regardless of the storm raging around us (Ps. 23; Phili. 4:8-13)
- We will reach our intended destination if we by faith trust and obey the Lord – (Mat 14:22; John 6:21; Rom. 8:28)
- I may not know your problem – but I know the answer!!



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### 1 Peter 5:6–11 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, <sup>7</sup> casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. <sup>10</sup> But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle *you*. <sup>11</sup> To Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.



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Enjoy the good times!  
Be faithful & be thankful!

Storms Often Come On The Heals  
of Great success!

Beware of shallow theology!

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We Are Going To Have Storms!

The real question is HOW will  
we RESPOND to them?

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God has not promised you a  
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But he will provide for the  
faithful a safe landing —  
a perfect eternity

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The greatest storm of all is  
coming for those who fail to  
trust and obey the Lord  
(2 Thes 1:7-9; 2 Cor 5:10)

**ARE YOU READY?**

**John 3:16; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rev. 2:10**









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