

# Finding Sanity in a World Gone Mad

## *Finding Your Faith*

*The storms of life seem particularly nasty this year. There have been more hurricanes than normal. The election and politicking have been particularly vociferous. Civil unrest is at least as high as in the 1960s. And culturally, we're sick and tired of being sick and tired and frightened by COVID-19. In times like these, it's particularly difficult to maintain our faith. But what if God is calling us to stop watching the chaos and instead step into the midst of it?*

Matthew 14:22–33

1. We live in a culture of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Whenever you take \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, you'll stumble and fall.
3. When the chaos overwhelms us, Jesus is right there  
\_\_\_\_\_ to you.

### ***My Count Me In! Commitment***

I'll be here next Sunday

I'll invite a friend

I'll reach out to Jesus through ...

Bible Study

Direction Discipleship

Engaging Daily Devotions

Finding Relevant Content to Help My Faith Journey

### ***Additional Notes***

# Digging Deeper

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**Scripture:** Matthew 14:22–33

**Introduction:** The chaos never seems to end. Our political system has become increasingly uncivilized. Racism is a hotter button topic than it was during the Civil Rights era. Protests and riots are still everyday news stories. And the coronavirus doesn't seem to be going away anytime soon. A Chicago University poll reported that 62 percent of US Americans believe the virus is God's way of telling us to live better lives, and yet worship attendance is down by over 30 percent. Where's Jesus in all this insanity?

1. Read Matthew 14:22–23. Presuming Jesus was actually the Son of God, why do you think he made his quiet time and prayer such a priority?
2. Read 14:24–33. What do you think made Peter “challenge” Jesus to prove He wasn't a ghost?
3. Although Peter was chastised for having so little faith (v 31), he was the *only* one who got out of the boat and walked on water. Why do you think the other eleven didn't leave the boat?
4. Over the past few months, what part of our culture's chaos has been most troubling to you? Why do you think it troubles you? (What can you do about it?)
5. Dr. Bill said that culture's chaos is the ferment of your faith. What have you done to maintain the fervor of your faith?
6. When life turns chaotic and we feel like we're about to drown, what are some things you can do to take the hand of Jesus as he reaches out to you?
7. What will you do to step out of the comfort of the boat, into the chaos, and still maintain your focus?

**Next Week:** Sanity in a World Gone Mad: Fearless Finances