

# MESSIANIC MISSION: STORM TROOPER



*So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid.* John 6:11

**The storms of life consist of troubles of every kind. As they rage throughout your lifetime you may often wonder, is the LORD with me or not? All too often you blame your Adversary the Devil for testing you like he did righteous Job. However, this may not always be the case. In this lesson Jesus sends his disciples away and soon they find themselves in the midst of a storm. He walks on water and calms the storm to teach them to always trust him.**

# **I. The STORM TROOPER ... prays in Solitude**

*And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.* **Matthew 14:22**

**Jesus withdrew when demands increased.**

**St John gives a particular reason for the hasty breaking up of this assembly, because the people were so affected with the miracle of the loaves, that they were about *to take him by force, and make him a king (Jn. 6:15); to avoid which, he immediately scattered the people, sent away the disciples, lest they should join with them, and he himself withdrew.***

Henry, M. 1996

*And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.*

**Matthew 14:23**

Jesus placed prayer as a priority in life.

*The night came on, and it was a stormy, tempestuous night, yet he continued instant in prayer. It is good, at least sometimes, upon special occasions, and when we find our hearts enlarged, to continue long in secret prayer, and to take full scope in pouring out our hearts before the Lord.* Henry, M. 1996

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prays in Solitude

II. The STORM TROOPER...  
presents a Solution



*But the ship was now in the midst of  
the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind  
was contrary.* **Matthew 14:24**

Christian soldiers must endure  
the storms of life.

*Though the wind was contrary, and they were tossed with waves, yet being ordered by their Master to the other side, they did not tack about and come back again, but made the best of their way forward.*

*Though troubles and difficulties may disturb us in our duty, they must not drive us from it; but through the midst of them we must press forwards.* Henry, M. 1996

*And in the fourth watch of the night  
Jesus went unto them, walking on the  
sea.* **Matthew 14:25**

Jesus will come in the midst of your storm.

Of his goodness, that he went unto them, as one that took cognizance of their case, and was under a concern about them, as a father about his children. The extremity of the church and people of God is Christ's opportunity to visit them and appear for them: but he came not till *the fourth watch, toward three o'clock in the morning, for then the fourth watch began.*

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*And when the disciples saw him  
walking on the sea, they were troubled,  
saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out  
for fear. Matthew 14:26*

**Fear may accompany your problems.**

**A little thing frightens us in a storm. When  
*without are fightings, no marvel that  
within are fears. Perhaps the disciples  
fancied it was some evil spirit that raised  
the storm. Most of our danger from  
outward troubles arises from the occasion  
they give for inward trouble.*** Henry, M. 1996

*But straightway Jesus spake unto  
them, saying, **Be of good cheer; it is I;  
be not afraid.** Matthew 14:27*

Jesus will comfort when you trust him.

*"Be not afraid of the tempest, of the winds and waves, though noisy and very threatening; fear them not, while I am so near you. I am he that concerns himself for you, and will not stand by and see you perish." Nothing needs be a terror to those that have Christ near them, and know he is theirs; no, not death itself.*

Henry, M. 1996



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provides for Salvation**

*And Peter answered him and said,  
Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto  
thee on the water. And he said, **Come.**  
And when Peter was come down out of  
the ship, he walked on the water, to go  
to Jesus. **Matthew 14:28,29***

Jesus will encourage you to be victorious.

Through the strength of Christ we are borne up above the world, enabled to trample upon it, kept from sinking into it, from being overwhelmed by it, obtain a victory over it, by faith in Christ's victory, and with him are *crucified to it... Thus the sea of the world is become like a sea of glass, congealed so as to bear; and they that have gotten the victory, stand upon it and sing.* Henry, M. 1996

*But when he saw the wind boisterous,  
he was afraid; and beginning to sink,  
he cried, saying, Lord, save me.*

**Matthew 14:30**

Storms enable the believer  
to identify weakness.

*Those that can say, Lord, I believe; must say, Lord, help my unbelief. Nothing but perfect love will quite cast out fear. Good men often fail in those graces which they are most eminent for, and which they have then in exercise; to show that they have not yet attained. Peter was very stout at first, but afterwards his heart failed him. The lengthening out of a trial discovers the weakness of faith.* Henry, M. 1996

*And immediately Jesus stretched forth  
his hand, and caught him, and said  
unto him, O thou of little faith,  
wherefore didst thou doubt?*

**Matthew 14:31**

The Lord allows storms to  
increase our faith.

Our discouraging doubts and fears are all  
owing to the weakness of our faith:  
*therefore we doubt, because we are but of  
little faith. It is the business of faith to  
resolve doubts, the doubts of sense, in a  
stormy day, so as even then to keep the  
head above water. Could we but believe  
more, we should doubt less.* Henry, M. 1996

*And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.*

**Matthew 14:32,33**



Jesus gives peace that passes  
all understanding.

When Christ comes into a soul, he makes  
winds and storms to cease there, and  
commands peace. Welcome Christ, and the  
*noise of her waves will soon be quelled.*  
*The way to be still is, to know that he is*  
*God, that he is the Lord with us.* Henry, M. 1996