

A Newsletter from Thy Word Network

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Illuminations

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Wave Watching

In Matthew 14, we read the story of the Apostle Peter's amazing adventure of faith when, in the midst of the storm, he actually walked on water. There have been many great sermons drawn from this passage, and one of my favorites is "If You Want to Walk on Water, You Have To Get Out of the Boat." But as I read this passage today, I was struck by verse 30, which reads:

But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!'

We have turned the corner into a new year and a new decade. For most of us, that means evaluating and refocusing in our lives, jobs and ministries. I think perhaps we are "in the same boat," as it were, as the disciples that day. The wind was blowing against them, the sea was running rough, and they were making little headway as they tried in vain to move across the Sea of Galilee. Not an unknown situation to these experienced fisherman, just as the challenges of our day are often neither unique nor unexpected. What was unusual was the appearance of Jesus in the midst of the trial and then Peter's exuberant stroll on the wave tops toward Him.

What struck me was that Peter's trouble started not with the waves and wind (they were already there), not with the deep water beneath his feet (it didn't get deeper as he stepped out of the boat), but simply this: he took his eyes off of Jesus and focused instead on his circumstances....BIG mistake.

I don't know what challenges you face or opportunities that may beckon, but here at Thy Word Network, we have both in front of us this year. Our desire for us, and for you, is that we would keep our eyes on Him; walk in faith, not in sight; and most of all, that we would listen carefully for the "still, small voice" that speaks peace to our storm-tossed soul.

Shalom.



February Daysponsors

2/13 Chris & Judy Kissel
*Honoring the pastors and staff at
Christian Fellowship Church*

2/26 Scott, Barbara, Nathan and Abigail Watson
*In loving memory of son and
brother Isaac Watson*

Special Gifts

In honor of Bud Parker, by Melanie Kluemper

In memory of Howard Hoffman, by Betty Borum

In honor of the great Christian teens in the youth group at Peace Fellowship Church (Boonville, Ind.), by Gwen Fulk

Listener Letters

Wayne City, IL – Thank you for your radio programs. I listen every day, almost all day long. Most of the music is pleasing and inspiring. Looking forward to Founder's Week and the Moody Bible Institute speakers.

Princeton, IN – We are so thankful for WBGW. As I write this, *Truth for Life* is coming on. I wonder, sometimes, what we did before your station.

Springerton, IL – I re-dedicated my life to Jesus back in June and my radio stays pretty much on Thy Word Network, where your broadcasts feed my spirit daily.

More Than Gold Olympic Updates

The broadcast team at *Sports Spectrum* and RBC Ministries will be providing daily updates for you ... bringing powerful stories of Christian athletes competing for More Than Gold during the 2010 Winter Olympics, February 12 – 28. For even more sports news with a Christian focus, visit news.sport.org all month long.

Helping Haiti

The 7.0 earthquake that shook Haiti on Tuesday, January 12 caused tremendous damage, and left thousands dead or suffering. Relief efforts are well underway, as are pleas for help from a number of organizations and ministries.

If you are looking for ways to be involved in the relief efforts, Thy Word Network would like to recommend the work being done by four reputable Christian ministries.

Compassion International - All funds raised in response to the Haiti earthquake will be used immediately to reequip Compassion's local support structure and to provide for the immediate needs of Compassion-assisted children and families.

Samaritan's Purse - Working with a pastor's network within the country to distribute food, water, and other necessities to families and orphanages.

HCJB Global Hands -has sent a seven-member emergency medical response team from Ecuador to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to provide medical help to survivors. The team, led by International Healthcare Director Sheila Leech, is working in partnership with Samaritan's Purse. The team is based at a 100-bed hospital in Port-au-Prince operated by Baptist Haiti Mission. While the primary goal is to bring medical aid and clean water to the injured, the team is also addressing the people's spiritual needs.



World Vision - Is in Haiti and working to provide emergency supplies.

For information about more ministries/charitable organizations doing relief work in Haiti, see the database maintained by the Evangelical Council for Financial Responsibility at ECFA.org.