

## CAN I TRUST GOD?

### *The Shack- Part 3*

*“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither your ways My ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.”* Isaiah 55:8-9 (ESV)

*“Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of Him to the other side...”* Matthew 14:22 (NIV)

## WHAT DOES JESUS DO WHEN YOU'RE IN YOUR MOMENT OF DESPERATION?

*“Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.”* Matthew 14:25 (NIV)

### 1. Jesus comes to you!

### 2. He calls you to come to Him.

*“‘Come.’ He said.”* Matthew 14:29a (NIV)

*“Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.”* Matthew 14:29b (NIV)

**Obedience develops faith.**

**Being in the middle of a storm is not an immediate indication that you are outside of God's will.**

*“We are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world...”* Ephesians 6:12 (NLT)

## HOW DO YOU FIGHT THE ENEMY?

### 1. You become mindful of the enemy.

*“Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”* 1 Peter 5:8

### 2. You become mindful of God.

*“He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”*  
1 John 4:4 (NKJV)

**We become tools of the god we serve.**

*“But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’”* Matthew 14:30 (NIV)

*“Immediately Jesus reached out His hand and caught him.”*  
Matthew 14:31 (NIV)

*“And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.”*  
Matthew 14:32 (NIV)

*“I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”*  
John 16:33 (NIV)

**Let Jesus be your Peace Speaker.**