



new life fellowship

**Sermon Title: Watching Where Jesus Walks**

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**Scriptures: Mark 6:45-56**

### **Jesus Walks on the Water**

45 Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. 46 After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.

47 Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. 48 He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, 49 but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, 50 because they all saw him and were terrified.

Immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” 51 Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, 52 for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.

53 When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. 54 As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. 55 They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. 56 And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

### **Sermon Summary:**

This Sunday, we continue our Gospel of Mark series by discovering how our perspective shapes the way we interpret life's challenges. As the winds rise and the exhausted disciples struggle forward, Jesus meets them with a powerful invitation to see through the eyes of faith, an invitation that still calls to us today

### **Sermon Questions:**

1. In the story, the disciples were coming off a really long day and were already exhausted when they were met by strong winds and struggled to make any headway. Where in your life are you struggling and feeling the strain? Where does it feel like you are rowing hard and not making progress?
2. As you read the text and listened to the sermon, what did you notice about how Jesus responded to the disciples in their time of desperation?
3. What did you learn about the significance of Jesus “passing by” in the text?

4. Jesus walks where we do not expect. In your life, where might Jesus be walking in ways you don't expect?
  - ❖ Pastor Helen shared that we may be seeking the miracle, but it is a secondary gift to Jesus. Experiencing Jesus' presence with us is so much greater than any miracle.
5. In our struggle, where we place our focus is so important. How do you struggle to keep your focus on God in the midst of your struggle?
  - ❖ When we cry out, Jesus responds immediately. He says, "Take courage, it is I, be not afraid." Take time to pray that you could hear and believe those words and put your focus on Jesus in the midst of your struggle.