

The Nature Of A Disciple

PART 6 - HOLDING TIGHT TO GOD

NATURE OF A DISCIPLE

- Knowing God
- Growing in God
- Surrendered to God
- Obeying God
- Staying right with God
- **Holding tight to God**
- Empowered by God
- Counting for God

Important thoughts when holding onto God

- Should a true disciple have to go through difficult times?
- The disciples focal point determines there direction.
- How can we practically stand firm on God's promises?
- How do you keep going when a storm smacks you in your face.

Matthew 14

²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

Matthew 14

²⁸ “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ “Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?” ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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...will still have to face the storms of life

Matthew 14:22

Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home.

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Isaiah 41 : 13

"For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand... I will help you."

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Matthew 14:30 says: *“But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and he begins to sink...”*

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...will anchor themselves to Truth, not to Feelings

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THE CORRECT VOICE TO LISTEN TO WOULD SAY...

- Read Scripture before you read your circumstances.
- Speak truth out before checking your emotional temperature.
- Refuse to let feelings interpret God's faithfulness.
Feelings are real — but they should never be our guiding voice.
- Truth must anchor us when our emotions surge.

The disciple who holds onto God...

...will abide even when they feel nothing

John 15:4 says:

"Abide in Me... because apart from Me you can do nothing."

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Matthew 14:33

"Immediately Jesus reached out His hand and caught him."

What holding onto God really looks like...

- You determine to fix your gaze on Jesus and allow Him to be your guide instead of letting the storm around you take you in whichever direction it blows.
- It's crying out honestly when you feel like you're sinking.
- It's taking one step at a time.
- It's trusting His grip when yours feels weak.