Dancing on the Water

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New King James Version

Matthew 14:28-30 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

I. For 47 years, I have been walking on water.

Hebrews 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, my soul has no pleasure in him."

A. We received a word and just started walking.

Isaiah 43:5-6 Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, and gather you from the west; I will say to the north, "Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not keep them back!' Bring My sons from afar, and My daughters from the ends of the earth.

1. Both our children are our greatest miracles.
2. God has given us a great family in Nana's House.
3. Bible School and Missions Teams.

B. He upholds us.

Hebrews 1:3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature and **upholds all things by the word of His power.** (NASB 1995)

1. Every time I start to sink, He lifts me up.
2. He is faithful even when we are not.
3. If He does not breathe out, we do not breathe in.
4. You are not held back by your grip on Him—by His grip on you.
5. By faith, we see His hand upholding us.

Deuteronomy 33:27 The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms;

- His hand is under us, over us, and around us.

C. When you have walked on water long enough, you can start to dance.

1. It is an insult not to trust the Lord after so many miracles.
2. I'm dancing now.

II. Walk right through the obstacles.

Mark 11:23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, "Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

A. This has to be symbolic. It is a symbol of faith.

1. We speak to our mountains.
2. Faith always speaks.
3. I am not a poor begging Missionary; I am a son, an instrument for His will.

B. We are never stuck.

Exodus 14:15 And the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward.

1. When Mary Jo had the vision, I knew what we had to do.
2. Faith works. Go forward. Take a risk.
3. After 47 years, it gets easier.
4. Our works are greater now than at first.

C. Faith can see the Promised Land.

1. We do not listen to the unbelieving spies.
2. We do not regard people according to the flesh.
3. Diego, a new kid in our children's home, comes off like a rejected ogre, but he is an intelligent, kind kid.

III. He says, "Come."

A. All you need is the word.

1. His invitation will uphold you.
2. We got a word that we are a father and mother, and walked into it.
3. He gently leads those with young.
4. We are developing a beautiful property for thirty children with a church and school building, completely by faith.

B. Can you hear His word speaking, inviting you?

- Jump in.

C. Can you hear His word speaking, inviting you?

D. I love to hear of Peter, but now I want to hear about you walking on the water.