

Matthew 14:25, 28-31

Jesus' disciples were in a boat on a lake at night battling the wind.

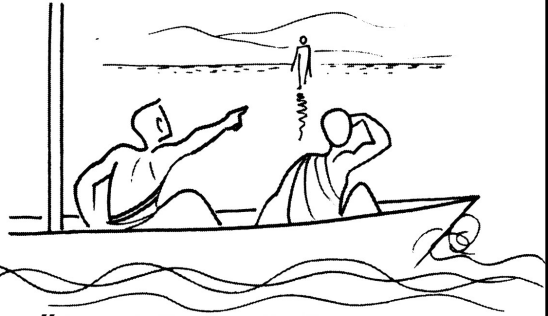
²⁵ "Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, **walking on the lake.**"

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?"**



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Living a new life by the Spirit

Galatians 5:13-26

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Paul describes 2 ways to live:

- **The flesh** (human nature weakened by sin)
 - Protect self
 - If we have excess, perhaps help others
 - This is the way of humanity
- **By the Spirit**
 - Through love, serve one another
 - This is the way of God

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Galatians 5:13-26

¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were **called to be free.** But do not use your freedom to **indulge the flesh;** rather, **serve one another humbly in love.** ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: **'Love your neighbor as yourself.'** ¹⁵ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

We are no longer under the impossible burden of trying to earn acceptance with God through our own efforts
We are not 'free' to be selfish but to live in the Spirit

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¹⁶ So I say, **walk by the Spirit** and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. **They are in conflict** with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸ But if you are **led by the Spirit** you are not under the law.

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¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

debauchery = excessive indulgence in sensual pleasure

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²² But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we **live by the Spirit**, let us **keep in step with the Spirit**. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

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The Big Idea

Living as a Christian is...

deliberately choosing to walk in the Spirit's ways
 "through love, serve one another"
 by faith in the Spirit's work past, present & future

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What should we do?

Trust in the Spirit's work

- Without faith, it is impossible to please God
- **Past:** He applied Christ's work to save us
- **Present/Future:** When we seek to obey, He is and will be working!

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Choose to serve others through love

- In the fruit of the Spirit
- By the Spirit's working and power

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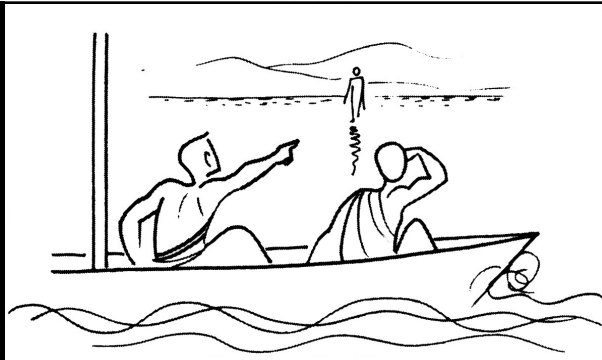
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How do
knowing the Father,
abiding in Christ,
and walking by the Spirit
relate to each other?

- Trinity (tri-unity)
 - One Being (One God)
 - Three persons: Father, Son, Spirit
- We have life from One God in 3 persons
 - **Father**: life from above, knowing Him
 - **Son**: abide/remain in Christ
 - **Spirit**: walk by Spirit, led by, empowered by...

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