

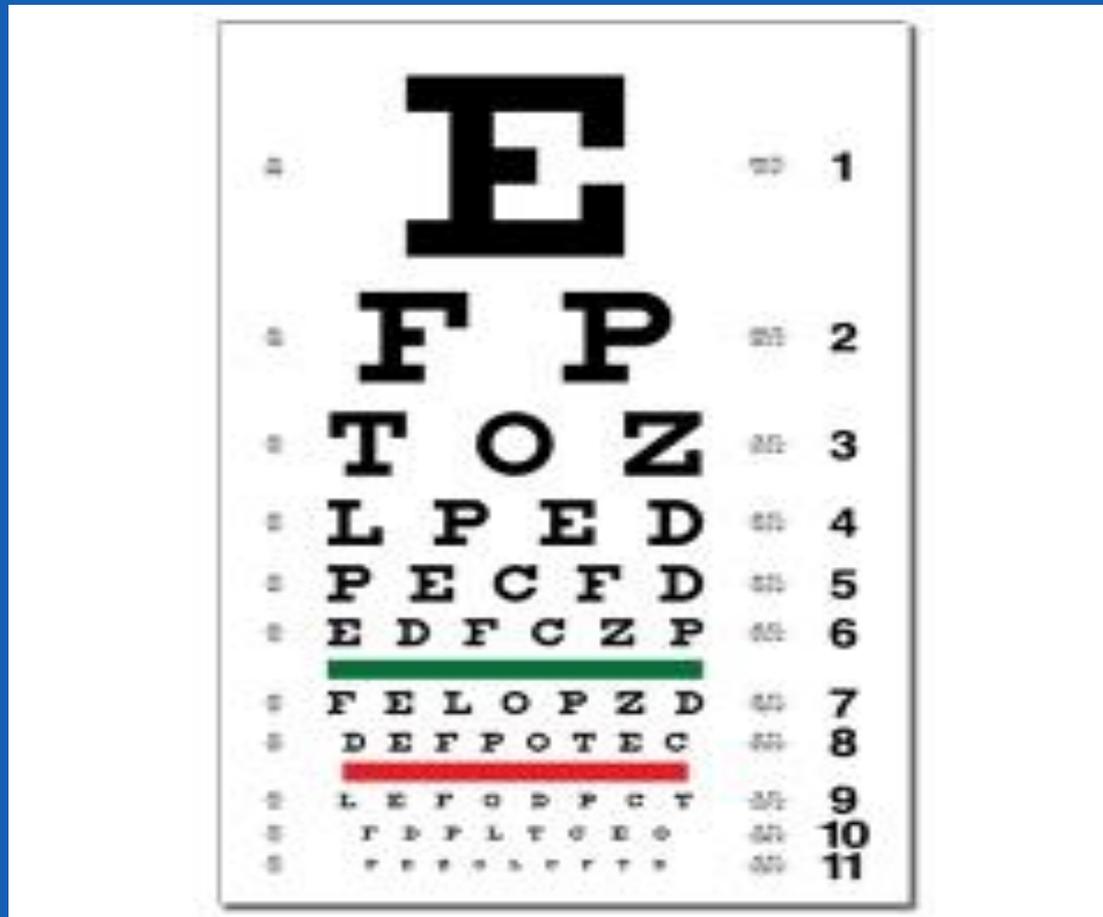
GET OUT OF THE BOAT

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How is your VISION?



FOCUS



1. FACING FORWARD

Philippians 3:7-14 NKJV

GOD WON'T FORGET THEM...or YOU!

**Isaiah 49:16a (NKJV) ¹⁶ See, I
have inscribed (NIV: engraved)
you on the palms *of My hands...***

**(MSG) ¹⁶ Look, I've written your
names on the backs of my hands.**

...

Philippians 3:13 NKJV

**13 Brethren, I do not count myself
to have apprehended;
but ONE THING I DO,
*forgetting those things which are
behind and
reaching forward to those things
which are ahead,***

Philippians 3:14 NKJV

14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

II. FACING FEAR

Matthew 14:22 KJV

22 And straightway Jesus constrained His disciples to get into a ship, and to go before Him unto the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

**CONSTRAINED:
COMPELS, NECESSITATES,
CONSTRAINS**

**Jesus INSISTED, so this journey
is COMMANDED by Jesus.**

Matthew 14:23-24 KJV

²³ And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. ²⁴ But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

**TOSSED: GK: Torture, pain,
torment, vexed**

**This is a ROILED and
TORTORUOUS Sea! (GK: It
was billowing, bursting,
toppling waves, grievously
agitated!)**

The Wind was CONTRARY

**GK: Antagonistic—fighting
them every step of the way**







Rosé 2005

JESUS SAYS

PEACE, BE STILL



The Sea of Galilee

**13 Miles long
7 miles wide
150' deep**

**Shoreline is 680'
below sea level**

The Sea of Galilee

HERE WE GO AGAIN!



Matthew 14:25-26 NKJV

²⁵ Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.

**4 watches of the night,
3 hours each**

1st: begins at 6

2nd: begins at 9

3rd: begins at 12

4th: begins at 3 am

**Between 3-6 am they see
Jesus**

TROUBLED: GK:
Agitated, roiled, tossed

CRIED OUT: GK:
Shrieked, croaked,
screamed out



Matthew 14:27 (NKJV)

27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

III. FACING FAITH

Matthew 14:28-29 NKJV

28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

**Peter let himself
down out of the boat.**

***EVER afraid to let go
of the safety of the
boat you are holding
onto?***



MATTHEW 14:30 NKJV

30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

BOISTEROUS: GK
Forcible, mighty, strong

AFRAID: GK
Frightened, alarmed



Matthew 14:31 NKJV

And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

IV. FACING THE FINISH

Matthew 14: 32-33 NKJV

32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

33 Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

Adam Clarke

“It was not the violence of the winds, nor the raging of the waves, which endangered his life, but his littleness of faith...”

***It's better to have tried
and grown than to be
comfortable in the
boat of safety!***

***It's time for each of us to
GET OUT OF THE BOAT!***