

Worthy of Worship, Lord of Our Lives

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Job 38.4-18; Rom 10.5-17; Mt 14.22-33

Introduction

How is the walking on the water typically understood?

Hebrews 11:8 (ESV)

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

The *primary* lesson: [CCT:] Jesus Christ is _____,
worthy of worship, and Lord of our lives.

We get out of the boat, we venture into the unknown, we trust in the midst of trial--we live by _____
--because Jesus Christ is _____
in the flesh.

I. Jesus Christ is God

A. The Sovereign God

Matthew 14:22-33 (ESV)

Mt 14.22

Mt 14.23

Mt 14.24-25

Mt 14.26

In what way is their response *not* surprising?

Mt 14.27

The NT Greek: *eh-GO EH-mi*, literally, "I--I AM."

Does that sound familiar?

John 8:57–58 (ESV)

⁵⁷ So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."

Same wording in Mt 14.27, Jn 8.58, Ex 3.14

Exodus 3:14 (ESV)

¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

So, what is Jesus saying?

Operating Statement Summary

as of June 30, 2017

Detailed financials are available at the office

<u>Church</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$1,029,326	\$957,400
Expense	\$706,273	\$693,345
Net Income	\$323,053	\$264,055
<u>School</u>		
Income	\$780,093	\$859,899
Expense	\$1,112,102	\$1,122,123
Net Income	(\$332,009)	(\$262,224)
<u>Total</u>		
Income	\$1,809,419	\$1,817,299
Expense	\$1,818,375	\$1,815,468
Net Income	(\$8,956)	\$1,831

We closed out the 2016-2017 fiscal year with a very small deficit. This is a much smaller number than was predicted in the middle of the year, so we thank God.

As we move forward in Christ's mission, let's recommit ourselves to firstfruits giving and Biblical stewardship.

Please join us for an enriching experience at the
2017 St. Paul's Marriage Retreat.

November 10 - 12, 2017

***Celebrating the Journey with Christ:
On the Same Page***

Cost per couple:

\$350 (**Early Bird Special**- If booked and paid **prior to 8/31/17**.
The first 20 to register are also guaranteed Lake View Rooms)

\$375 (If booked **after 9/1/17**) Final Registration 9/18/17

This low cost includes 2 nights stay and a Dinner Buffet for two on
Saturday night!

Where: Blue Harbor Resort

725 Blue Harbor Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081

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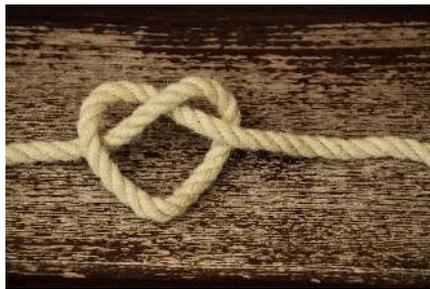
Registration Form: Please find this on www.splco.org.

Questions? Email: stpaulmarriage@gmail.com

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A Cord of Three Strands is not Easily Broken
Ecclesiastes 4:12



***To help keep costs down there are Sponsorship opportunities!
Sponsors will be recognized in the Epistle, Bulletin and at the
Retreat. Thank you for supporting the Marriage Ministry!***

- Refreshment Breaks (3) - \$200
- AV and Conference Materials - \$250
- Sponsor a couple - \$375
- Friday Night Social Hour - \$500

Mt 14.28-32

As Jewish men, what would the Apostles have *understood* by what Jesus spoke?

Mt 14.33

1st Commandment: You shall have no other _____.

Why did the Apostles worship Jesus?

Why did Jesus receive their worship?

B. The Crucified God

If Jesus is God then what does the following mean:

“It is finished!” (John 19.30)

And what did King David prophesy in Ps 16.10?

Psalm 16:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

What is Jesus showing the Apostles—and us—when He walks on water?

II. Lord of Our Lives

CCT: Jesus Christ is God, worthy of worship, and [therefore] _____ of our lives.

What does this mean?

1. like Peter, when we get cancer, we have to step out into treatment and trust that Jesus is going to walk along with us and _____ us;
2. like Abraham, when God calls us to ventures we don't understand, we _____;
3. like the prophet Nathan, when a ruler does wrong and when we are called to speak, we risk our lives if necessary to speak _____ to power;
4. like Paul with the Apostle Peter, when someone betrays the Gospel, we tell him man-to-man and call him to _____;
5. again like Paul, when we face death we do so with _____ because Christ has claimed us as His own;
6. when we are tired or weary, we come to _____ and pray, we come to the Lord's Supper and rest in His forgiveness;
7. we repent of our doubts, our idolatry, our pride. We remember our Baptismal identity and arise to live in _____.

Conclusion

Therefore, we get out of the boat, we venture into the unknown, we trust in the midst of trial--we live by _____--because Jesus Christ is _____ in the flesh.