"Why Doubt"

"...the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. ²⁵ During the fourth watch of the night 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." 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!" Matthew 14:24-33

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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."

Doubts don't disqualify your faith

Doubt can be an *invitation* to a <u>deeper faith</u>

<u>"Why"</u>...do you doubt?

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This is a <u>sign and demonstration</u> of <u>God's LOVE</u> and <u>Compassion</u>

Jesus:

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy." ⁴⁴ But I tell you: <u>Love your enemies</u> and <u>pray</u> for those who <u>persecute</u> you," Matthew 5 : 33-34

"Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" Matthew 16 :22

Our goal isn't to be right

Our goal is to be Loving

"For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls." 1 Peter 2:25