

Peace In The Storm

Comfort In Difficult Times

Matthew 14:22-35

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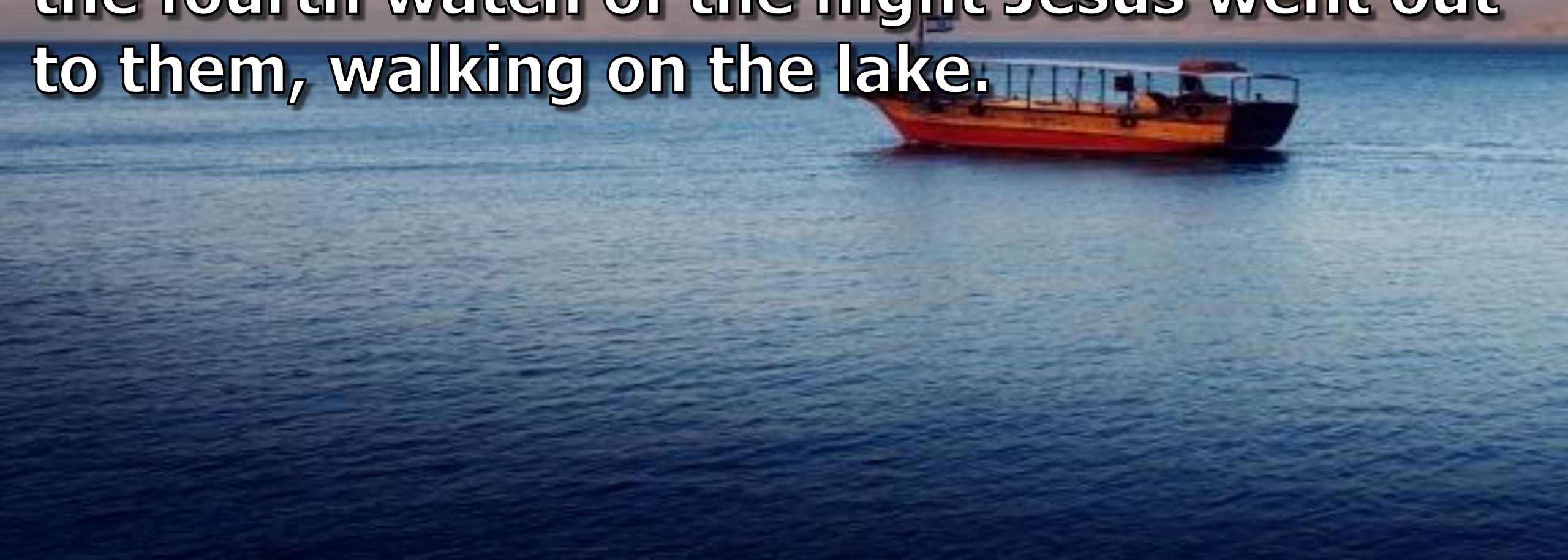
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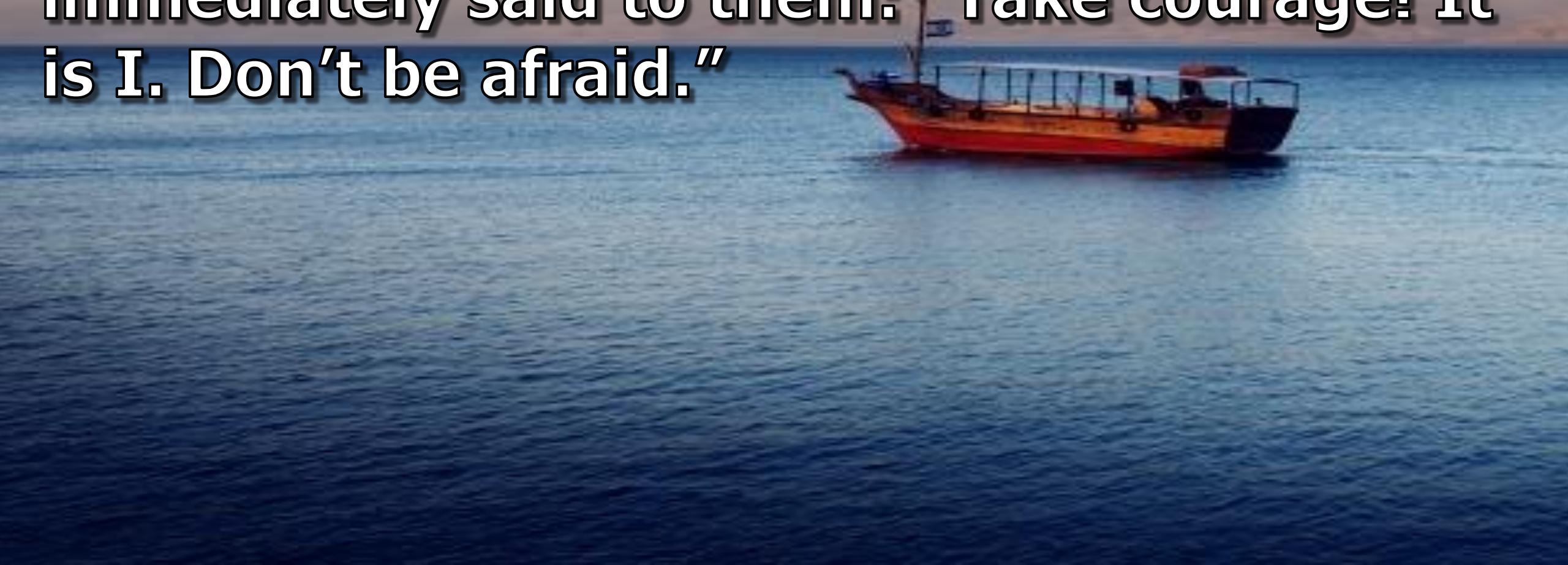
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22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. **23** After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,

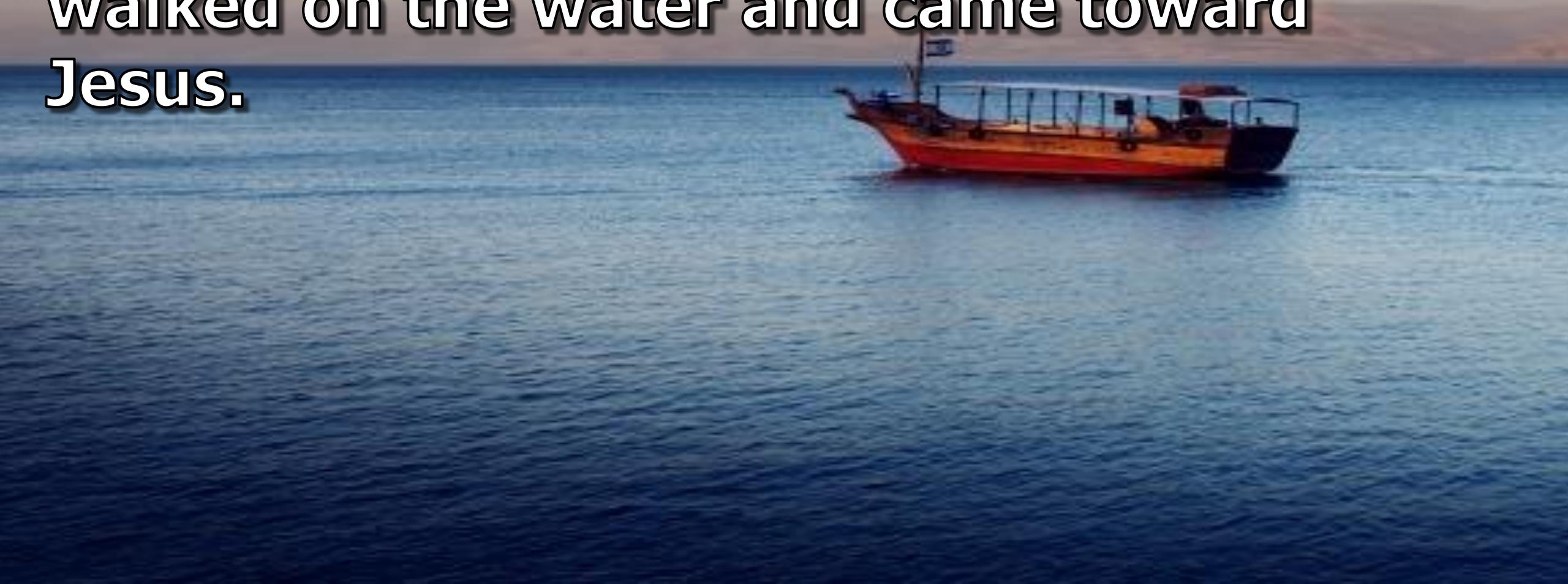
24 but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. **25** During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.



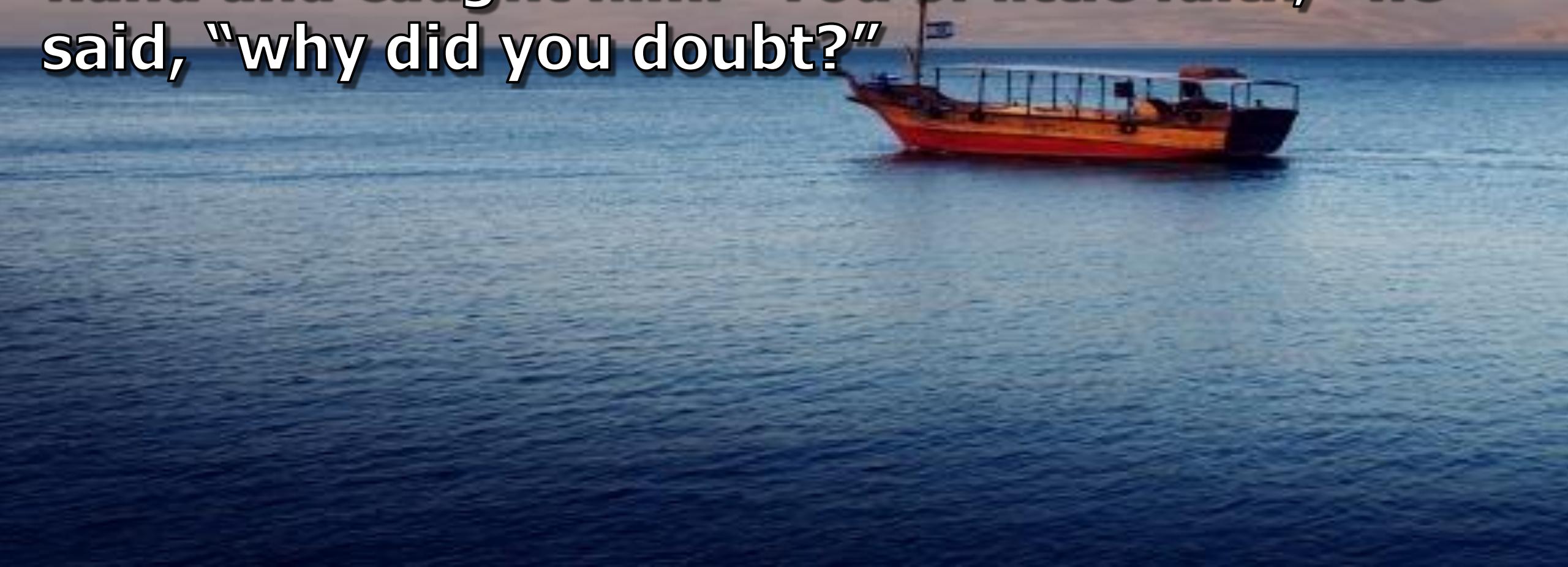
26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. 27 But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”



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!" 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.”



34 When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret. 35 And when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country.



People brought all their sick to him ³⁶
and begged him to let the sick just touch
the edge of his cloak, and all who
touched him were healed.-- (NIV)



A wide-angle photograph of a turbulent sea under a dark, overcast sky. The water is a deep blue-grey, with numerous white-capped waves and spray. The horizon is visible in the distance, and the overall atmosphere is one of a powerful storm.

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1. Determine The Type of Storm.

A. Is This A Storm That Others Have Created?

Genesis 37:28²⁸ So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

B. Is This A Storm That I Have Created?

Jonah 1:11–12¹¹ The sea was getting rougher and rougher. So they asked him, “What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?” ¹² “Pick me up and throw me into the sea,” he replied, “and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you.”

C. Is This A Storm That God Has Created?

Matthew 14:22²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.

22 One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. **23** As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

Luke 8:22-23



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2. Guard Against Negative Influences.

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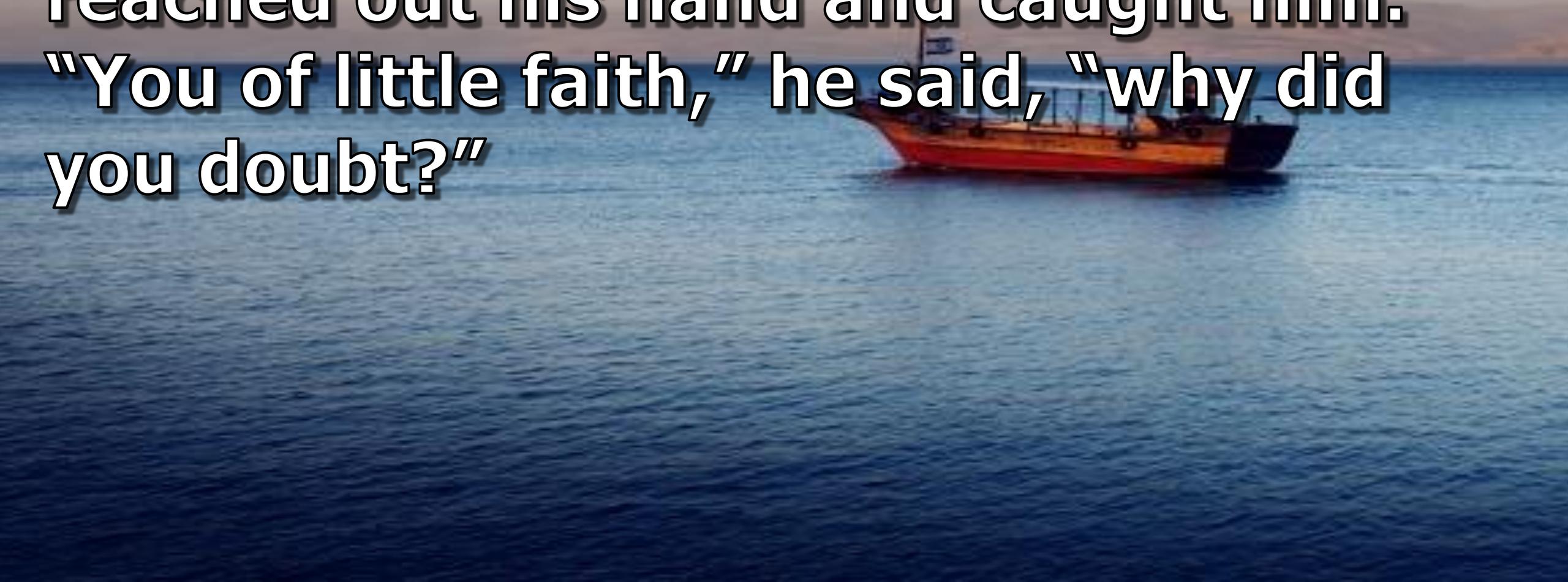
Acts 27:9⁹ Much time had been lost, and sailing had already become dangerous because by now it was after the Fast. So Paul warned them,

B. Guard Against Listening to Fear.

Matthew 14:26–27²⁶ 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.”

C. Guard Against Listening to Doubt.

Matthew 14:31³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"



D. Guard Against Losing Focus.

Matthew 14:30³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

3. Apply Some Divine Assurances.

A. Remember the Prayers of Jesus.

Matthew 14:23²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,

25 Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.-- (NIV)

Hebrews 7:25

**27 And he who searches our hearts knows
the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit
intercedes for the saints in accordance
with God's will.**



Romans 8:27

B. Remember The Promises of God.

Matthew 14:22²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.



Isaiah 43:2

2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

C. Remember the Presence of God.

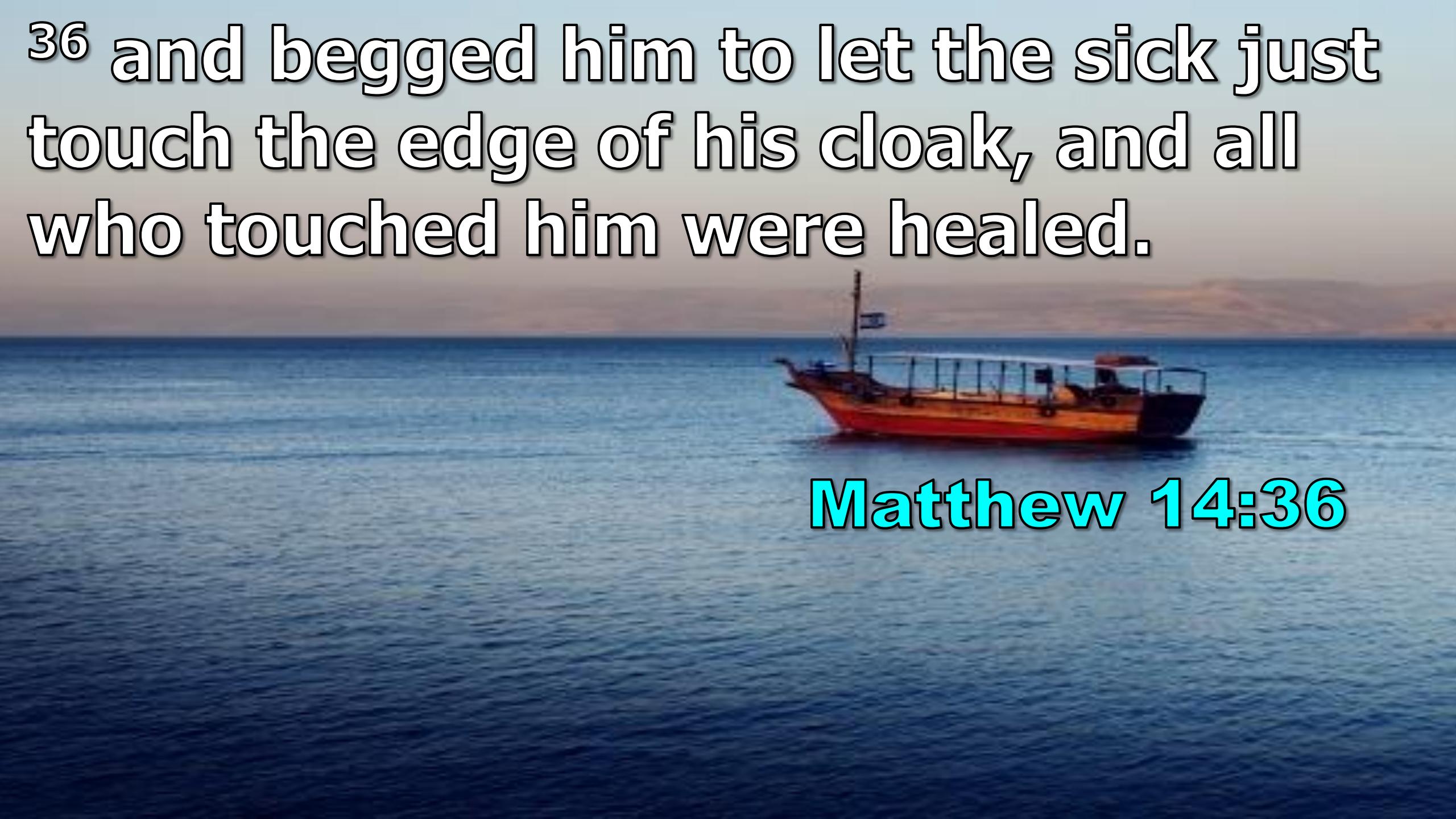
Matthew 14:25²⁵ During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.



D. Remember the Power of God.

Mark 4:39³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

36 and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed.

A photograph of a small, traditional-style wooden boat with a red hull and white superstructure, sailing on a calm blue sea. The sky is a warm, hazy orange and yellow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. In the far distance, faint hills or mountains are visible.

Matthew 14:36

A wide-angle photograph of a turbulent sea under a dark, overcast sky. The water is a deep blue-grey, with numerous white-capped waves and spray. The horizon is visible in the distance, where the dark sea meets a sky filled with heavy, grey clouds. The lighting is low, creating a somber and dramatic atmosphere.

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