



How many Biblical accounts of God dealing with people are identical?

#### Matthew 14:25-33

- <sup>25</sup> Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.
- <sup>27</sup> But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."
- <sup>28</sup> "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."
- <sup>29</sup> "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> 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?"
- <sup>32</sup> And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

If you want to walk on water......

You have to get out of the boat.....

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- Strong belief in someone or something without logical proof.
- Faith/Belief
- big factor of having faith means recognizing that you have no control, that what will be, will be and that there is a greater power (God)
- Hebrews 11 Heroes of faith. (Individuals commended for their faith)



- Firm reliance of the character of another.
- Trust in the one who sent us.
- Experiences we have, we project onto God.
- Surrendered life.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

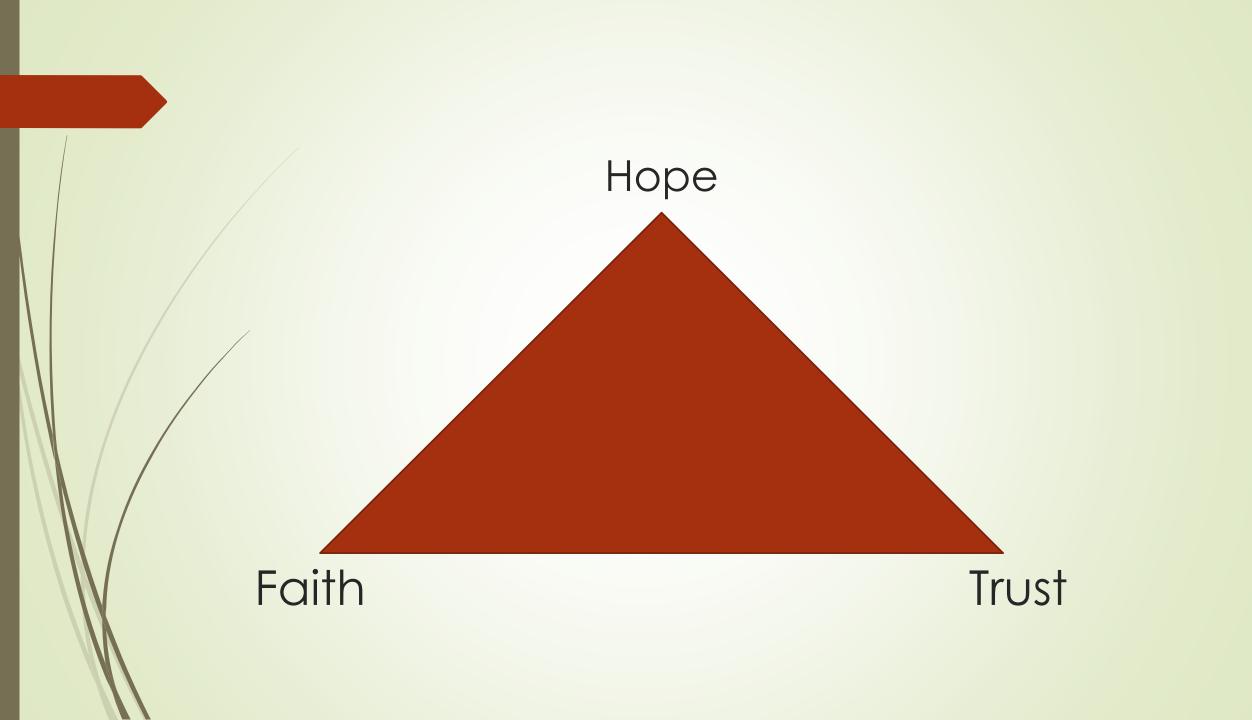
Proverbs 3:5-6



- An optimistic feeling of expectation and desire for a particular thing to happen.
- The foundation of faith and trust gives us hope.
- In the Bible hope is the confident expectation of what God has promised and its strength is in His faithfulness.

"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS
I HAVE FOR YOU,"
DECLARES THE LORD,
"PLANS TO PROSPER YOU
AND NOT TO HARM YOU,
PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE
AND A FUTURE."

JEREMIAH 29:11



# There is so much that needs to be done....

- Where do I start?
- Listening to Him.
- Follow His guidance.

### Know Him and know His promises.....



## When out in uncharted territory and you are tired, unsure; is it not good to know.....

- Is. 40:31 but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.
- Is 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
- Phil. 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.
- Deut. 31:8 The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

Remember what He has done.....

#### How does remembering help.....?

- <u>Isaiah 46:9</u> Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me,
- Deuteronomy 6:12 Then take care lest you forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
- <u>1 Corinthians 11:24</u> And when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
- Deuteronomy 8:2 And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.

Live a life of thankfulness.....