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It's That Time Again - Back to School

I can remember the first day of class in college one year, I had a business professor refer to note taking, "As the process of the words coming out of the teacher's mouth being transcribed to the student's notepad without either engaging their mind." A little humor was a great way to break any lingering tension on the first day of class.

The first day of school is always met with a lot of mixed emotions. John Ortberg's book "Becoming a Water Walker", based on the story found in Matthew 14:25-32, when Jesus approaches the disciples' boat walking on



water. Basically, when they saw Jesus coming toward them at around 3 AM they were terrified. Knowing this, Jesus instantly says, "It's me!" Peter, not entirely swayed says, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water." This statement implies Peter had faith; and with all eyes on Peter, he steps out of the boat. He gave himself completely to trusting in Jesus. For a moment, it's just him and the Lord. Then what happens? Reality! He's on the water in the middle of a storm... and he's terrified!



What changed in those moments? Nothing. It was storming before he got out of the boat. No surprise there. Peter's focus shifted from Jesus to the storm. We all understand this don't we? We set out with high hopes and expectations, and then the storm comes: obstacles, fear of the unknown, fear of failure, setbacks – we should've expected it, right? The world in which we live is a pretty stormy place. When Peter started sinking, he had a choice to call out to his buddies in the boat or Jesus. He called for Jesus, because he knew he was there to help.

Most people never get out of the boat because of the storm. The Bible tells us there <u>will</u> be storms, so we can brace ourselves for it. We prepare by keeping our focus on Jesus and not the "storm". If you choose to get out of the boat, you will face the "storm", but remember, we never face the storm alone.

COMING EVENTS FOR 2021



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We are seeing a steady increase in numbers of streaming in both, local listeners and nationwide. We're very excited to see this growth beyond our local market. Our goal is to spread the Gospel through music and programming. Please continue to pray for this part of the ministry as well.

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As we transition from summer to fall, we're seeing a slow return to normal in many aspects of our lives. Many kids are returning to classrooms and some areas that have been closed for a while are starting to open up again. One of those areas I'm excited to see return is live concerts. I guess it's true, you don't know what you'll miss until it's gone; and I've been missing concerts over the past year and a half. I'm so glad to see concerts returning to the Gulf Coast where our listeners can enjoy time of great music and worship together again. Of course it's likely still a while until we fully return to pre-COVID crowds, but it's great to see that some of the biggest artists in Christian Music are having live shows once again and that they are returning to our area. Artists like MercyMe, For King and Country, Chris Tomlin, Newsboys and others all have upcoming concerts scheduled in our area and I'm eager to get back out to see them along with you. For the latest concert info, be sure to visit our site at goforth.org and thanks for listening to Power 88!



