

## Two foundational truths

- **Our growth in Jesus is not linear** – ups and downs are part of the journey
- **Jesus' love is constant** – His love for us is not based on our performance for Him

## Two elements of our relationship with Jesus

- **Faith** – trust; more specifically, the willingness to act upon that which we believe to be true
- **Understanding** – grasp or comprehend something based on careful thought

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## What Happened to Peter's Faith?

**Got distracted** – took eyes off Jesus; saw the wind



**Began to doubt** - refers to trying to walk in two different directions or of serving two different masters simultaneously; a practical hesitation, wavering, lack of practical confidence in the Lord



**Resulted in weakening faith** – begins to sink

- **Became afraid**
- **You of little faith** - used for those who are afraid vs trusting in God for their survival/need; practical word

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## Three components of understanding

- **Revelation** – what is the truth?
- **Interpretation** – what does that truth mean?
- **Application** – what does that truth mean to me?

Peter has the revelation (Jesus is the Messiah the Son of God), his understanding breaks down at Interpretation (what it means for Jesus to be the Messiah)

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## Why did Peter misunderstand Jesus?

Couldn't/wouldn't hear Jesus – you don't have in mind the concerns of God but merely human concerns



**Opposed Jesus –**

- Rebuke – to express strong disapproval of someone



**Resulted in misunderstanding**

- **Get behind me -**
- **You are a stumbling block -** a trap, or something that causes a person to act contrary to a proper course of action or set of beliefs

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# Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus

- **Heb 12.1-2:** And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.
- **What is distracting you right now?**
  - **Pay attention to fear** – could be an indicator of doubt (wavering)
- **Acknowledge fear/redirect towards Jesus**

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# Keep our minds fixed on things of God

- **Col 3.2** – set your mind on things above, not earthly things
- **What thoughts are dominating your mind right now?** Where are you focused on human concerns vs God's concerns?
  - **Look for resistance to the Lord** – slow obedience is disobedience; ignorance is not an excuse
- **Confess/submit to God's Word**

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