

**August 9, 2020**

**19th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a \* Romans 9:1-5 \* Matthew 14:22-33*

***At once [Jesus] spoke to them, “Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”– Matt. 14:27***

Have you heard the slogan, “seeing is believing”? It means that you will not believe something unless you see it for yourself. That’s generally a good way to measure if something is real, but not necessarily if something is *true*. For instance, in today’s Gospel, we read about Jesus walking on water. We can understand why his disciples have a hard time believing their eyes. Jesus invited Peter to try walking on water and to Peter’s surprise – so long as he kept his eyes on Jesus – he succeeded. To us, this seems unreal. But it is revealing a truth that cannot be denied: Jesus is God and with God all things are possible. Even if we can’t understand how or why God does things, we can trust that he has our best interest in mind. His plans for us are always good; if we keep our sights set on Jesus, we will eventually see God’s plans revealed.

Peter was an ordinary person like us, and he would often let Jesus down because his faith was weak. Yet Jesus is always forgiving and ready to reach out his hand to save us, just as he reached out that night and saved Peter on the lake.

*Lord, help me to trust you. There are so many ways you have shown me that you are Almighty God. Remind me again, Jesus, so my faith will grow strong enough to believe even what seems impossible.*



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