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God With Us

Mark 6:45-53

⁴⁵ Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.

⁴⁷ Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. ⁴⁸ He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, ⁵⁰ because they all saw him and were terrified.

Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."⁵¹ Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, ⁵² for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there.

Two Prequels:

- A divine "pass by" as a sign of the Holy Presence of God coming near – Exodus 33:19,22; 34:6 and 1 Kings 19:11 – Moses and Elijah

Opening Scene:

- In order to _____ Jesus, we need to be willing to be _____ by Jesus.



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Middle Scene:

- The “wow” moment in this story is not Jesus _____ on the water. It’s Jesus _____ the boat!
- Four Steps:
 - Take _____
 - It is _____
 - Don’t be _____
 - Jesus _____ into the boat.

Final Scene:

- Disciples were amazed at the _____ thing.
- Disciples did not _____ where they thought they were _____.
- Because God is with us, the emphasis is more on the _____ than the _____.