

# CONFIDENT



DOUBTERS  
WELCOME?

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Hand-drawn white text and symbols on a dark background, including: "FRUSTRATION", "Tired", "PAIN", "SUFFERING", "GRIEF", "STOP", "MISS", "Sorrow", "Depression", "WARRIOR", "SADNESS", and a sad face icon.



# Peter

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## DOUBT'FUL

(Matthew 14:25-31)



# WHO IS HE?

**He's Peter!**

**He was a married man (Mark 1:30)**

**He was the "ROCK"**

**He preached the first ever church sermon (Acts 2:14-41)**

**He was technically the first missionary (Acts 10)**

**He was the first one to confess Christ (Matthew 16:16)**

**He was the first leader of the church in Jerusalem (Acts 5:29)**



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# THE'S PETER!



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# **EXTREMELY CONFIDENT BUT NEVER SURE**

**He's the guy that was constantly correcting Jesus**

**He's the guy that declared to go to the grave with Jesus,  
only to later deny him**

**He's the guy that cut off a man's ear only to disappear into  
the night**

**He's the guy that refused to be washed only to demand to  
be bathed**

**He's the guy that stepped out of the  
boat only to sink like a "rock"**

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# HIS "MOMENT" OF DOUBT

**Peter's great confidence often led him down the path of doubt**

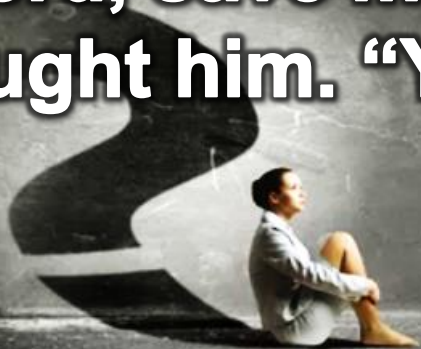
**There was not a moment of doubt, there were many moments for him**



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# A WALK WITH PETER - MATTHEW 14:25-31

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"



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# A WALK WITH PETER - MATTHEW 14:25-31

The story of Jesus walking on water is told here and in Mark and John

Interesting only Matthew mentions Peter getting out of the boat

This is a story of phenomenal faith that reminds us that confidence and doubt go hand in hand

The first words spoken by Jesus in the story are

**“Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”**



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# "LORD SAVE ME"

**Immediately Jesus reached  
out his hand and caught him.**

**He did not let Peter thrash about in his doubt**

**He did not laugh at his lost confidence**

**Jesus would use this moment to teach him a lesson**



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# DEALING WITH PETER'S DOUBT

**“You of little faith,” he said,  
“Why did you doubt?”**

**He told Peter he had little faith**

**That is not the same as saying he had no faith**

**Peter’s Little faith gave him the confidence to  
get out of the boat**

**Great faith would have  
allowed him to stay out**



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# JESUS IS SAYING

“There is room to grow, don't give up”



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# "WHY DID YOU DOUBT?"

Jesus knows Peter, he will beat himself up  
over this

He is probably embarrassed

# "WHAT WENT WRONG?"



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# "WHAT CHANGED?"

**It was his focus**

**When Jesus was the focal point  
all was good**

**When the wind and waves became the  
focal point, fear and sinking**



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# HIS CONTRIBUTIONS

He's Peter, how long to you want this sermon to be?

The Bible never tells us he got a do over

All the times he went back on a boat I personally believe Peter looked out at the water and said "next time"

I often wonder in private moments if placed his feet in the water and asked the question of himself the question again; "why did I doubt"



## MY GOD IS BIGGER

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# HIS CONTRIBUTIONS

Later in life Peter would have to take another faith walk

It would be a walk far more challenging than his few steps on the water

Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

John 21:18-19

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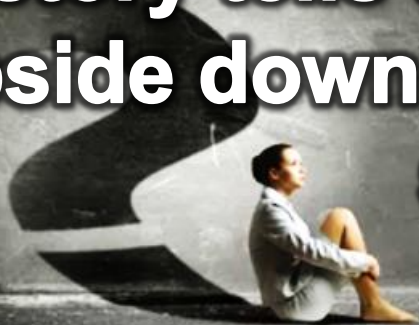
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**On that day as Peter himself was being led to be crucified  
I wonder if he thought back to the water**

**All the times he went back on a boat I personally believe  
Peter looked out at the water and said “next time”**

**Not this time... This time Jesus I won't flinch...  
I will not look away**

**History tells us he confidently requested to be crucified  
upside down because he did not feel worthy to die the  
same way Jesus did**



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**Stepping Out is easy,  
walking confidently not so much**

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