

FAITH



Are you brave enough to step out of your boat, onto the surface of a stormy sea, and trust that Jesus will enable you to not only stand, but also to walk, on water? Today I want to share an object lesson on faith with you, inspired by Peter's courage, faith, and spontaneity. I'm going to ask you a simple question. Can you walk on water? Of course you can't, but sometimes, even things that are impossible to do, become possible with a little faith.

Materials Needed:

- A glass or bowl of water
- A box of paper clips
- Dish soap

Instructions: Try floating a paper clip on the water. It doesn't work. Paper clips sink. Next, bend one paper clip to make a "holder" for a second paper clip to rest on. Place the second paper clip flat on the paper-clip-holder, and gently submerge the paper clips into the water. This time, the unbent paper clip will actually float on the surface of the water. We also need to beware of "doubt". Just like Peter in the story, once he took his eyes off Jesus, he let doubt and fear invade his mind, and he started to sink. Place some dish detergent in the water around the floating paper clip. It will start to sink.

Lesson: We need to rest on Jesus in order to do whatever seems impossible to us (just like the paper clip holder was necessary). That doubt will cause us to falter (just like the dish detergent causes the floating paper clips to sink).

By ourselves, we can't do "the impossible". However, if we rest on Jesus, or have faith in Him (like the paper clip rests on the holder), He will enable us to do what we never thought we could.

Bible Reference:

"And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith." Matthew 21:22