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That being said, what if the greatest demonstration of faithfulness in this story isn’t Peter stepping out of the boat, but rather Jesus reaching out and saving him immediately. While this passage may convict or encourage our day-to-day faithfulness, perhaps it more profoundly teaches us a lesson of God’s steadfast accompaniment in our lives.

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BEYOND SUNDAY:

**Readings intended to help you reflect and digest this week's worship service.*

MONDAY: Psalm 28 (*Prayer for Help and Thanksgiving for it*)

Most **MEMORABLE** verse for you, in this passage, at this time?

What makes this verse so **MEANINGFUL**?

TUESDAY: Genesis 39 (*Joseph and Potiphar's Wife*)

Memorable: _____

Meaningful: _____

WEDNESDAY: Matthew 8:23-27 (*Jesus Stills the Storm*)

Memorable: _____

Meaningful: _____

BEFORE SUNDAY READINGS:

**Readings intended to help you prepare for the upcoming Sunday:*

THURSDAY: Revelation 15:1-4 (*Angels with the Seven Last Plagues*)

Memorable: _____

Meaningful: _____

FRIDAY: Acts 14:19-28 (*Return to Antioch in Syria*)

Memorable: _____

Meaningful: _____

SATURDAY: Matthew 14:24-26 (*Jesus Heals the Sick in Gennesaret*)

Memorable: _____

Meaningful: _____

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TUESDAY: Psalm 119:65-72 (*Humility and faithfulness work together*)

Memorable: _____

Meaningful: _____

WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 43:1-7 (*Our restoration is God's delight*)

Memorable: _____

Meaningful: _____

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THURSDAY: Acts 17:10-15 (*Jealousy erupts between new believers*)

Memorable: _____

Meaningful: _____

FRIDAY: Psalm 85:8-13 (*Be patient. God's approach to love and justice*)

Memorable: _____

Meaningful: _____

SATURDAY: 1 Kings 18:41-46 (*Elijah hopes for end to drought*)

Memorable: _____

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