

19th Sunday, Ordinary time, Year A. A tale of two glories (Mt. 14:22-33)

When Jesus fed the five thousand, he sought the father's face even the more and the next moment he was walking on the waters, calming the storms, in full control of the elements. He moved from glory to glory for he never took his eyes off the father. When Peter was able to walk on water for a while, he took his eyes off the master and started focusing more on himself and the things that were happening around him and suddenly he began to sink. This is a tale of two successes, one enduring and the other momentary and short lived. Human history is full of short-lived, and aborted glories because we humans easily forget what took us to great heights in the first place. We wean ourselves of God's presence and our more preoccupied with ourselves, our plans, goals and dreams and we soon come crashing. If there was ever a time we needed God, to immerse ourselves in his presence, it is when things appear to be going well. "The more you sweat in peace time the less you will bleed in war."

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