

DO NOT BE AFRAID

John 6.15-27 // September 6, 2020

I AM WHO I AM

Mark 6.45-52

Here, in the middle of the night, Jesus’ disciples find themselves in peril upon the sea, and a surprising figure emerges in the shadows to save them. He says, “do not be afraid,” which is a phrase that appears in some form roughly 275 times in the bible. But it is another phrase that captures us.

“It is I,” in the original Greek, is “eimi ego,” which is the same phrase translated elsewhere as “I AM WHO I AM.”

BACKGROUND: It is Passover in this story, and the Jews had Moses and the Exodus on their minds. Moses asked God what His Name is, and God answered, “I AM WHO I AM.”

- **Lord: “Adonai.”** This is a title, like “Pastor Jobey,” it denotes what He does. He lords over the earth as Commander and Ruler.
- **God: “Elohim.”** This is “what” He is, such as “I, Jobey, am a man.”
- **LORD: “Yahweh”** (YHWH in Hebrew). This is His sacred Name. “I AM WHO I AM” is built upon the word “Yahweh.” I AM WHO I AM is His proper name, like “Jobey.”

LORD OF THE SEA

Psalms 77.6-20 // Psalm 107.23-32

In the midst of their peril, and during the time of Passover, Jesus appears upon the waters of their darkest hour and says, “I AM WHO I AM. Do not be afraid.” **Mark 6.51** says they didn’t understand about the loaves, but somehow, in this moment, everything seemed to click, as **Matthew** says in **verse 13**, that they worshiped Him, saying, “truly, You are the Son of God.” The pieces fell into place, and God was revealing Himself to them.

GOD HAS DELIVERED

When we find ourselves discouraged, scared, exhausted, and pushed beyond our own strength, we have great and many promises. We know that since God has already spared us, He will spare us once again. The storms of life are opportunities for us to “rely not on ourselves, but on God who raises the dead.”

2 Corinthians 1.3-11

**I have learned to kiss the wave
that throws me upon the Rock of Ages.**

C.H. Spurgeon

NOTES:

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

Psalm 143:8

Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **John 6.15-27**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

What particular Gospel truths were most impactful to help you trust in Christ amidst the storms of life?

Your Life Mission

What relationships or conversations are upcoming that you could use prayer for?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself**
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess**
 - Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision**
 - Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving**
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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**MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY,
WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.**



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