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LIVE FULLY ALIVE!

WEEK THREE

MATTHEW 14:22-33

Peter Walks on Water

SAY THIS

Stay focused on Jesus.

DO THIS



BED TIME

Have you ever started something big and then lost your nerve in the middle? It's often easier to talk yourself into tackling something hard than to complete it. But you don't have to do it on your own! Jesus is always with you and you can live with confidence that He's got this. Pray for each other, that you will keep your eyes fixed on Jesus and ask for His help all along the way.

REMEMBER THIS

"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Philippians 1:6, NIV

LIFE APP

CONFIDENCE—Living like you believe what God says is true

PASSING DOWN A FAITH-FILLED LIFE, NOT A TRIAL-FREE LIFE

By Courtney DeFeo

Do you remember the first time your child was in harm's way? I remember the time my oldest kicked a bright, bouncy ball and then fell, landing on her head on the concrete. I remember when my youngest got her feelings hurt by a friend and cried real tears, not whiny tears.

I've watched my kids hurt many times and it stinks.

My knee-jerk reaction is to protect, hover, block, or tackle—basically do anything to prevent my children from feeling pain.

The same goes with their faith. I want them to fall in love with Jesus and never walk away, while at the same time never experience hardship. And then I realize I love them too much to desire a trial-free life. Because I remember my biggest moments of personal and spiritual growth were during my trials.

Bringing faith to life in our home is a great privilege. I'm encouraged that we don't have to have a perfect life to pass down a faith-filled life. God has got this. Our role is to simply teach our kids what we already know and to continue learning and sharing more day by day as we grow.

You can make a difference even if you're only one second ahead of your children in your own journey to know Jesus Christ better.

Admitting when you are afraid lets your kids know fear isn't failure and that God understands.

Saying you're sorry when you make a mistake can teach your kids about forgiveness.

Responding with "I don't know" when they ask hard questions teaches them it's okay to be uncertain.

Suggesting you learn more together teaches them how to discover more about what they believe.

And trusting God to lead our kids through tough times allows our kids to learn to trust God on their own.

Is anyone with me? Let's slowly unpeel our grip and let God be God. It's hard to imagine, but He loves our kids even more than we do.

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