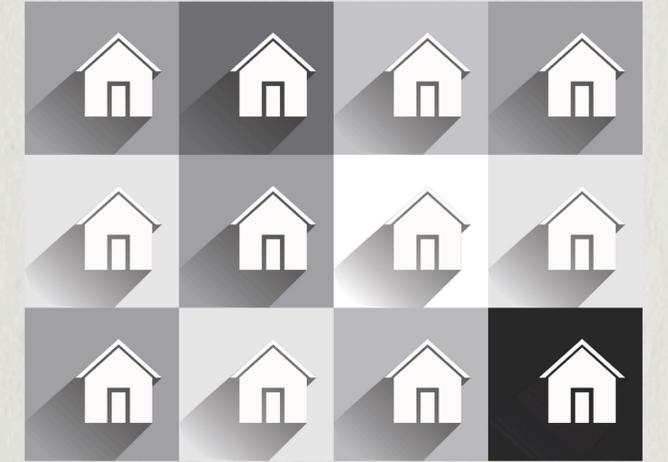


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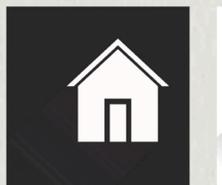
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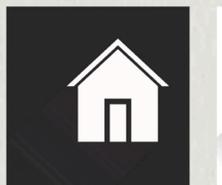


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**Jesus didn't come to kill... He came to die...  
No political or social agenda... a spiritual agenda.**



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*Jesus always sees us. He can't NOT see us.*



## Psalm 139:7-10, *paraphrased*

I can never escape from your Spirit!

I can never get away from your presence!

If I go up to heaven, you are there;

if I go down to the grave you are there.

If I ride the wings of the morning,

if I dwell by the farthest oceans,

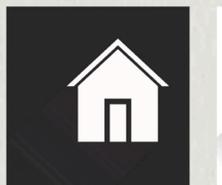
even there your hand will guide me,

and your strength will support me.



### **Mark 6:50b-52 *niv***

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*Take courage.*





*Take courage.  
It is I... I am here.*





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Don't be afraid.*



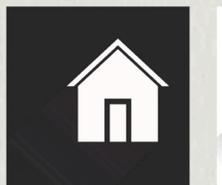
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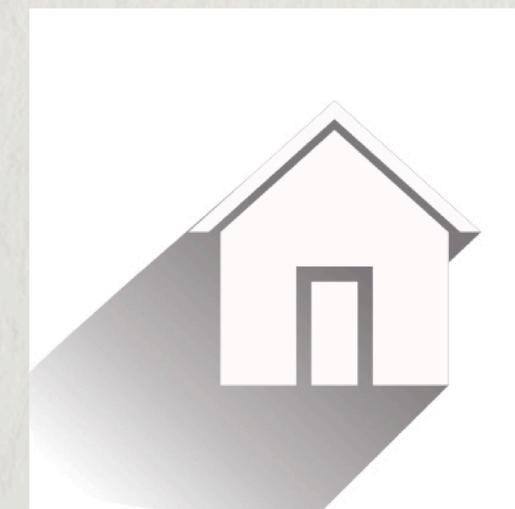
**Mark 6:53-56 *niv***

When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there.  
<sup>54</sup> As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. <sup>55</sup> They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup> And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.





*So now what?*



## ***Jesus Walks On The Water***

from the perspective of a disciple, adapted from Mark 6:45-52

**My heart was dim; I didn't understand. None of us did.**

**We had just been part of something impossible: Feeding five thousand people.**

**And now doing something quite ordinary:**

**rowing to Bethsaida and finding it impossible as well.**

**A fierce wind against us; our tired muscles nearly spent from effort.**

**Jesus sent us ahead so He could release everyone.**

**He then went up the mountain to pray; it was what He always did.**



**Much later, Jesus saw us from the land struggling on the water,  
but He walked across it effortlessly:  
He walked. Across. The lake! We were horrified and thought He was a ghost.  
I'll never forget His words: "Take courage. It is I. Don't be afraid."  
He climbed in the boat, and everything grew calm: The wind, the waves,  
my trembling, our breathing.  
Jesus stilled us with His words.  
We were dumbfounded, and somehow still could not fathom Him.  
I don't know if I ever will...**



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**When we can't see the end or a way out,  
faith in our Lord will sustain us through anything.**



*At times you may  
wonder where He is...*



***At times you may  
wonder where He is...***

Thank you that I'm never out of your *sight*.

Thank you that I'm never out of your *reach*.

Thank you that I'm never out of your *loving care*.



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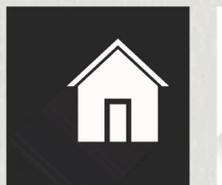


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Regardless of our situation, we are **NEVER** out  
of God's *sight or reach or loving care.*

*We can't **EVER** have more than we can handle...*



***How might I actually  
APPLY what You've  
been saying to me?***

**What might that look like for me to...**

- turn my eyes to Him...
- count my blessings...
- thank Him for His...
- tell Him that I love Him...
- ask Him for whatever & give thanks.



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