

First Baptist Church of Hampton
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Sermon Outline Closed Notes:

Sermon Scripture: Matthew 14:22 – 33 (Good News Translation)

Message Title: Don't Be Afraid!

Current Context:

- **Fear** can be a crippling component of the human condition.
- List a few fears that you have during this season (These can be your own personal reflections or reflections from the sermon): (Examples: **Fear of failure; fear of success; fear of change**)
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- Our security is often tested at **night**.
- We experience at least 3 types of “night.”
 4. **Spiritual** night
 5. **Moral** night
 6. **Personal** night
- In the text, it is between 3 am and 6 am, among the **darkest** hours of the night...it is just before the daybreak.
- There was a **storm** of serious intensity on the water and Jesus was nowhere to be found.
- The disciples on the boat thought that they had security and were stable in the boat, but the storm caused them to have **fear**.
- The disciples are **distressed** and despondent, but Jesus proves to them that they don't have to be afraid!

Relevant Question:

- Why don't I have to be afraid, even at night and on life's choppy waters?

Sermon Observations:

1. Since the Savior has a security system, He has a **reach** that **rescues** you.
2. You are secure because Jesus gives a **response** that **reprimands** you.
3. Jesus provides a **relief** that ought to bring **reverence** out of you.
4. You are truly unafraid, when your **reverence** leads to **rejoicing** even at night!

Calvary Connection:

- We ought to rejoice because Jesus **secured** our Salvation at Calvary; rejoice because we have a **Savior** who will go to the Father on our behalf; rejoice because He died that we might **live**; and He rose so we could live with **power**!