

M.I.R.A.C.L.E Series

Matthew 14:22-33

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ἀναγκάζω

KJV Translation Count — Total: 9x

The KJV translates Strong's G315 in the following manner: *compel* (5x), *constrain* (4x).

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I.* to necessitate, compel, drive to, constrain
 - A.* by force, threats, etc.
 - B.* by permission, entreaties, etc.
 - C.* by other means

Strong's Definitions [?]

(Strong's Definitions Legend)

ἀναγκάζω *anankázō*, an-ang-kad'-zo; from G318; to necessitate:—compel, constrain.

After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Matthew 14:23-24 NIV







Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear."

Matthew 14:25-26 NIV

Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. **He saw the disciples straining at the oars**, because the wind was against them. **Shortly before dawn** he went out to them, **walking** on the lake. He was about to pass by them, but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, because they all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

Mark 6:47-50 NIV

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Mark 6:47-50 NIV

But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid"

"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water.

Matthew 14:27-28 NIV

“Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

Matthew 14:29-30 NIV

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

Matthew 14:31 NIV



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Jesus believes in us

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Matthew 14:32-33 NIV

Personal Takeaways & Reflections

1. Obeying and following Jesus is not easy. We will inevitably face “storms”, “winds”, and “waves”.
2. In walking with Jesus, we may have to step out of our “boat”. We may also end up being the only one to leave our “boat”.
3. Storms can be momentary, seasonal, or span our entire life.
4. When we take our eyes off of Jesus, we can start to sink.
5. When we doubt ourselves—our ability to follow Jesus and His commands—we doubt Jesus, the one who has called us to come to Him; Jesus believes in us.
6. Jesus has been, is, and will be there to save us from both “storms” and ourselves (doubt).
7. Our past is evidence of God’s faithfulness, mercy, and grace and serves to remind us that, with Jesus, we can make it through.