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- 1. The 1^{st} THIEF is... <u>Fear</u> (Matt 14:25-27)
 - "Phobos" dread, terror
- We feel a <u>lack</u> of Jesus' <u>presence</u>
- See Him in the storm
- Decide to <u>FOCUS</u> on Christ <u>BEFORE</u> the storm comes
- Where is FEAR hindering reaching your GOAL of being fully FOCUSED on Christ?
- 2. The 2nd THIEF is... <u>Distractions</u> (Matt 14:29-30; Matt. 4:1-11)
- You don't give full <u>attention</u>; a diversion; interruption; <u>disturbance</u>, <u>intrusion</u>; frenzy; agitation of the mind
- The storm itself is a distraction
- Whatever the devil cannot <u>destroy</u>, he will <u>distract</u>
- What might be keeping you in "the boat"?
- Where our eyes go, the rest of us is soon will follow
- Where are DISTRACTIONS hindering reaching your GOAL of being fully FOCUSED on Christ?
- 3. The 3rd THIEF is... <u>Doubt</u> (Matt. 14:31)
- "Distazo" to waver; to mentally duplicate
- God, are you REALLY in the middle of all this?
- "God is our <u>protection</u> and our <u>strength</u>.
 He always helps in times of trouble." Psalm 46:1
- Through the power of the <u>Holy Spirit</u>, Jesus Christ is <u>closer</u> to you than you may realize.
- The only way to <u>Jesus</u>, is <u>stepping out</u> of the boat.
- Where is DOUBT hindering reaching your GOAL of being fully FOCUSED on Christ?

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