

Preaching Dates

9 December 2018

Fraser Allan (am) at
Strathendrick Baptist Church, Balfron

Irene Campbell (am) at
Uddingston Baptist Church

Glen Cartwright (am) at
Fusion, Newton Mearns Baptist Church.

Jonathan Groves (am) at
Banchory Christian Fellowship Church

Willie Henry (am) at Newton Mearns
Baptist Church, Glasgow

Aubrey Jamieson (am) at Skerries Parish
Church, Church of Scotland, Shetland

Phill March (am) at
Clydebank Central Methodist Church

George Sprott (am) at
Kelso Baptist Church

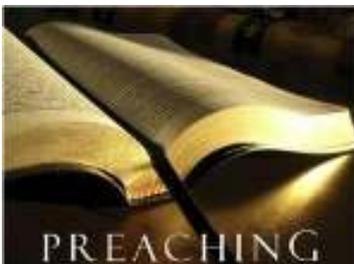
George Thomson (am) at
Maryhill Evangelical Church

David Bebbington (pm) at
Stirling Baptist Church

Cheryl Leckie (pm) at Ayr Baptist Church

Jim McNulty (am + pm) at
Islay Baptist Church

Charles Sommerville (am + pm) at
Shettleston Baptist Church



“Peter came out of the boat”

By Hosanna L. Bankhead

‘Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side, and bend to every necessity of brethren.’ Martin Luther

Matthew 14:22-33

I have heard much preaching on this passage and always wondered why people preach on Peter’s lack of faith when he began to sink. Actually Peter was the only one in the boat who had the confidence to ask the Lord Jesus if he could walk on the water, and took the step of faith to move from the boat.

I find water daunting and certainly wouldn’t consider walking on it. The bible says the wind was boisterous, and when the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water they considered Him a ghost and they cried out in fear. How could anyone walk on water? When Jesus realized they were afraid he spoke to them saying ‘be of good cheer, it is I, do not be afraid’. When Peter realized it was the Lord he immediately asks if he could come out of the boat and join him on this boisterous sea. Jesus told Peter to come. Peter was not hesitant getting out of the boat and walking towards Jesus. What struck me was that Peter **immediately** got out of the boat to walk towards Jesus. He did not think he may sink. He was not discouraged at all. He knew at that point in time Jesus would be able to save him. It is the same with us in this life. There are many storms that come our way. However, if we keep our focus on Jesus He will enable us to walk through them to the destination God has ordained for us. I say Peter was brave to get out of the boat, because he had enough faith to do so.

When Peter’s faith was failing he did not keep quiet, he shouted to the Lord ‘save me’. How wonderful it would be if we were like Peter and had that kind of faith. When things were not going his way, he called out to Jesus to save him. This reminds me of Jeremiah 33: 3 - “Call unto me, and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know”. It says here ‘call’ - we have to speak out. God wants us to call out to Him at all times and this we can do daily. He is able to deal with each one of our problems. There is nothing too small or too great for our God who sits on the throne.