

Faith

Story: One might think a trust fall would be easy to do. On most teams, potentially it is. However, not on all teams. At one high school the starting quarterback was asked to take part in a trust fall exercise. He was to fall into the arms of his offensive linemen. The conductor of the exercise was confident that the quarterback would have more than enough faith in his lineman to catch him. For one, those linemen were much bigger and stronger than he. Secondly, a quarterback, in general, places his trust in his linemen on every single play on the football field. To everyone's amazement the player refused to make the fall! For YOUR team to be successful, you must have faith in one another.

Questions to consider:

How do you view storms/trials/tests in life?

How do you react to failure?

How much importance do you put on what others think of you?

Context: The news of Jesus miracles spread and multitudes of people began to flock to see Him. At one point approximately 20,000 people came to hear Him teach and spend countless hours listening to Him. Jesus has just performed a miracle by providing food for everyone by simply taking two fish and five loaves of bread and multiplying them. Jesus disciples however still hadn't fully understood that Jesus was God in the flesh. Jesus continued to reveal Himself by showing them His power.

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-36

1. How did the disciples feel in the middle of the storm?
2. What initial response did the disciples have when they saw Jesus walking on the sea?
3. Where do you think the faith of Peter to ask Jesus to walk on the water came from?
4. What caused Peter to sink?
5. How do you think the faith of the disciples was strengthened in this experience?

Key Verse: "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" Matthew 14:31

Anchor to remember:

- God knows your situation.
- God's plan for you is good.
- Nothing is too big for Him to handle.