

**ST. ANDREW'S  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

*Slack Tide*

LIVING IN THE IN-BETWEEN






# SLACK TIDE; WEEK ONE

Slack Tide: a short period in a body of tidal water when the water appears completely unstressed, and there is no movement either way in the tidal stream, and which occurs as the direction of the tidal stream reverses. But under the surface, and at the edges, there is a great power at work, bringing new life and new power...

We eagerly anticipate the new hope we know and trust in God's call and promise.

- How do we then live when we find ourselves in the midst of a slack tide?
- Read Matthew 14:22-33 (See below)
- Why is this happening in the text and what does it mean?
- What specifically stands out to you about this scripture?



**22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. 23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, 24 and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.**

**25 Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified.**

**“It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.**

**27 But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”**


**28 “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”**

**29 “Come,” he said.**

**Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”**

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

**32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”**



# ***DISCUSS WITH YOUR GROUP***

- Describe a time in your life when everything seemed smooth but under the surface there was turmoil and chaos?
  - How did you handle it?
  - Did you feel as if God was near?
- As Peter displays a sense of boldness and trust, how does this story encourage you to trust in Jesus?
- How can your group continue to grow in trusting each of its members?
  - So that you may grow in trusting Jesus by the way he has blessed you with dear friends who care and are willing to listen.
- How can the group be praying for you this week?