

EXPERIENCE THE LAND AND THE BOOK  
RELEASING OUR BURDENS BENEATH THE WAVES  
MARK 6:40–52



### The Heart of the Matter

Great things happen on water . . . treacherous things too. Both occurred the night that followed Jesus's miraculous feeding of more than 5,000 people. A band of frightened men, Jesus's disciples, shook with terror in a storm-tossed boat on an inky-black sea. Why were they afraid? Weren't they eyewitnesses to His miracles? Mark 6:52 records a heartbreaking moment in Scripture: "[the disciples] had not gained any insight from the incident of the loaves, but their heart was hardened." It took a storm to help the disciples learn a valuable lesson. What will it take for you to surrender to Jesus in faith?



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. The Sea That Is Really More of a Lake

We call it the Sea of Galilee, but it's really more like a lake. But no matter what you call it, it still remains the place where Jesus walked and ministered.

#### 2. The Sea of Ministry and Peace (Mark 6:40–52)

It was around this sea that Jesus fed more than 5,000 people with one small lunch. But it was *on* this sea that Jesus walked and calmed the storm—the storm raging on the water and the storm raging in the disciples' souls.



### Starting Your Journey

This is a wonderful time to reflect—to gain insight—on the blessings and provisions of God, on the storms that have arisen in your life, on the times when Jesus stepped on your boat and brought calm, and on the condition of your heart. What burden do you carry today? Release it to Him.



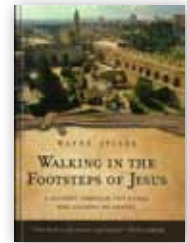
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