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I AM – PART 2

Two days ago (June 25) I wrote how Jesus identified Himself as God in the Old Testament by His statements of “I AM,” the same name God gave to Moses from the burning bush. I found another place where Jesus said “I AM” in a demonstration of His great power. This is another revelation from Holy Spirit which I have never heard preached or taught, nor read from any Bible scholar. It comes from a very familiar story where Peter walked on water.

Matthew 14:22-33 tells how the disciples boarded a ship to cross the Sea of Galilee, Jesus remaining on the land. They encountered a fierce storm in the wee hours of the morning. Jesus came toward them in that storm walking on the water. They thought He was a ghost (spirit) and were scared. Jesus called out to them (v., 27 – literal translation), **“Be of good courage, I AM, be not afraid.”** Most translations render His words as **“It is I,”** but He literally said, **“I AM,”** not **“It is I.”** Bible translators have ignored the actual literal words and substituted their own understanding of what they thought was meant.

I mentioned that he used His name “I AM” in a demonstration of His great power. The “great power” was that of walking on the water, especially during a fierce storm.

They recognized their shepherd’s voice. For sake of a confirmation, Peter asked Him to call him over. Jesus called him. Since Jesus said, **“be not afraid,”** Peter boldly stepped out in faith and walked on water toward Jesus. Well, that is, until he realized in the natural what he was actually doing. Only then did it frighten him; he lost faith and sunk. Immediately Jesus was there. Yes, instantly He went to Peter and pulled him up.

Peter’s faith was restored. Yes, Peter lost faith and slipped into his natural reasoning. An important point to remember is that he recovered from that mistake. Peter walked on the water all the way back to the safety of the boat with Jesus by His side.

Has your faith ever slipped? Have you been overwhelmed with the circumstances surrounding you? Be like Peter; put your trust in the great I AM and walk over it and through it with Him.