

**“First Watch” Touch Points for Evangel’s Prayer Vigil team**  
**For the week of November 15, 2015**

**When Fear Attacks Your Faith**

*The current series of Touch Points is taken from “Time Out in Tough Times,” from the editors of Guide-posts (MIF Books, 2009). The reflections come from a variety of writers.*

**READ:** Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea.

*Matthew 14:25*

**REFLECT:** On a visit South, a friend and I drove along the New Orleans Gulf Coast. Gazing out over the huge body of shimmering water, I observed three people in the distance—walking on its surface!

“But that’s impossible!” I gasped.

My companion laughed. “The water barely covers a mile-wide shelf of rock and is only a foot or two deep. So you see,” he said, “there’s a logical explanation for everything.”

*Not quite everything*, I thought, remembering Jesus’ disciples. They had no logical explanation when they saw Jesus walking toward them on the Sea of Galilee. They had only faith. In fact, Peter walked on the water toward his Master—until fear caused him to sink. (Matthew 14:30)

Sometimes fear attacks my faith too, and I think I might sink into despair, but when I cry “Lord, save me!” Jesus always stretches out His hand.

*Doris Haase*

**PRAY:** *Jesus, give me faith like Peter’s in Your power to save.*

**DO:** Stretch out your hand to a friend whose faith is failing.

**ADDITIONAL PRAYER PROMPTS**

- Use the Pause to Pray as a guide to focus on other concerns through the week. *The full version used on Wednesday evenings is on the table in the lobby and on the website (see Archives).*
- Reflect on this week’s worship service, the music, Scriptures, and Pastor Dave’s message “Caught Up Together—Part 3” (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)\*. Pray that the Lord will lead you to ways to apply the lessons learned in your own walk with Christ, as you connect with different people this week.
- Continue to pray for opportunities to invite people to our services, and to become engaged in spiritual discovery with the people of Evangel in other ways as well. Ask the Lord to open doors of conversation, connection or compassion with others to enable that engagement this week.

*\* A podcast of the sermon and other materials will be posted on the website by Monday.*

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