

LEAP OF FAITH

by Abraham Hunter



The disciples are struggling to save their tattered, sinking ship just like we struggle to save our own lives when we don't let go to focus on Christ. They're trying to pull as hard as possible on the rudder to change their direction not realizing that when you're in a small boat, you should sail into the waves instead of running from them. Because they turn away from the waves in fear, they are now broadside against the pummeling water which has begun filling their boat. This illustrates how when we try to manage the direction of our lives, we can actually self destruct and sink ourselves by allowing our lives to be governed by fear without Christ. Peter is the only one of the disciples with relaxed shoulders. He has surrendered to faith and let go of his fear. Faith precedes the miracle. All of his anxiety is gone because he's only focused on going to hug Jesus.

The light rays shining in are from the Father, parting the storm. Peter was, at that moment, living in the same mindset of faith as Christ, so I showed an equal ray of light from the Father on Peter and on His son, Jesus. The last little interesting detail is that Jesus, according to the book of Mark, was headed to the other side of the sea of Galilee, and he would have passed up the disciples had they not yelled out in fear. I chose to show Jesus slightly changing direction to his right to go toward Peter. It reminds me of the scripture "draw near to God and he will draw near to you."

I hope this painting makes you ponder and seek the peace and love that comes from no longer thinking it all out, but instead trusting Jesus. One of the biggest struggles we all face is a fast paced world that causes us constant worry. I was in tears as I painted Christ... the image of perfect love. Faith works by love.

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18x27	SN	195	\$895	695
18x27	AP	25	\$1395	\$1195
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