

Time Audit Chronicles: Faith and Miracles – Trusting in the Power of Jesus

(Matthew 14-15)

Prologue: When Faith Meets the Impossible

The Presswood family was gathered on the patio one cool evening, gazing up at the stars. Ariel held a flashlight, reading aloud from a book about explorers who achieved incredible feats, while Alice pointed out constellations to Mr. Fluffernutter.

“Daddy,” Ariel said, lowering her flashlight, “how do people find the courage to do things that seem impossible?”

Ryan leaned back in his chair, smiling. “Courage often comes from trust—knowing someone has your back. That’s the kind of faith Jesus taught His disciples to have. And He showed them through miracles that nothing is impossible when they trust Him.”

“Miracles?” Alice asked, her eyes wide. “Like what?”

“Like feeding thousands of people, healing the sick, and even walking on water,” Ryan said.

“Can we see them?” Ariel asked, her curiosity piqued.

Ryan grinned. “Let’s use the Time Audit Machine to witness some of the most amazing moments in Jesus’ ministry—moments that showed the power of faith.”

The Journey Begins: Faith and Miracles

The Time Audit Machine whirred softly as Ariel programmed the destination.

“Coordinates locked: Galilee, 27-29 CE. Objective: witness Jesus’ miracles and the power of faith.”

With a flash of light, the family found themselves in a vast, grassy field by the Sea of Galilee. The air was warm, and the scent of wildflowers and distant cooking fires lingered on the breeze.

“There’s Jesus,” Ryan said, pointing toward the crowd gathering around Him. “This is where He performs one of His most famous miracles.”

Feeding the Five Thousand

The family moved closer as Jesus spoke to His disciples, who looked concerned.

“This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals,” one of them said. (Matthew 14:15)

But Jesus replied, “They need not depart; give ye them to eat.” (Matthew 14:16)

Ariel furrowed her brow. “How could they feed thousands of people? They didn’t have enough food.”

“That’s what they thought too,” Ryan said.

“We have here but five loaves, and two fishes,” a disciple said, holding up the small offering.
(Matthew 14:17)

Jesus took the food, looked up to heaven, and blessed it. Then He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to distribute.

The Presswoods watched in awe as the food multiplied, feeding thousands of men, women, and children until they were full.

Alice gasped. “He made all that food out of just a little?”

“That’s the power of Jesus,” Ryan said. “He takes what seems small or impossible and makes it more than enough.”

Walking on Water

Later that night, the family followed Jesus’ disciples as they rowed across the Sea of Galilee in a small boat. The wind howled, and the waves crashed against the sides of the vessel.

Suddenly, the disciples cried out in fear. “It is a spirit!” one shouted, pointing toward the water.
(Matthew 14:26)

But it wasn’t a spirit—it was Jesus, walking on the waves.

“Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid,” Jesus said, His voice calm amidst the storm. (Matthew 14:27)

Ariel’s eyes widened. “He’s walking on water! How is that possible?”

Peter, emboldened, called out, “Lord, if it be Thou, bid me come unto Thee on the water.” (Matthew 14:28)

Jesus replied, “Come.”

The Presswoods watched as Peter stepped out of the boat and began walking toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind and waves, fear overcame him, and he began to sink.

“Lord, save me!” Peter cried. (Matthew 14:30)

Immediately, Jesus reached out and caught him. “O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?” He asked gently. (Matthew 14:31)

“Peter could walk on water when he trusted Jesus,” Ariel said. “But when he doubted, he sank.”

“Exactly,” Ryan said. “Faith allows us to do incredible things, but doubt can hold us back.”

Healing the Canaanite Woman's Daughter

The family followed Jesus to the region of Tyre and Sidon, where a Canaanite woman approached Him, crying out, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil." (Matthew 15:22)

At first, Jesus seemed to ignore her, but she persisted, even kneeling before Him and saying, "Lord, help me." (Matthew 15:25)

Jesus tested her faith with a challenging reply: "It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs." (Matthew 15:26)

But the woman humbly responded, "Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." (Matthew 15:27)

Jesus smiled and said, "O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt." At that very moment, her daughter was healed.

"She didn't give up," Alice said softly.

"Her faith was unshakable," Ryan said. "And Jesus honored it."

Feeding the Four Thousand

The family then witnessed another miracle as Jesus fed four thousand people with seven loaves and a few small fish. Once again, the food multiplied, and everyone was satisfied.

"He keeps doing it," Ariel said, amazed. "He's showing that nothing is too small for Him to use."

"And that He always provides," Ryan added.

Returning Home: Faith in Action

Back in the garage, the Time Audit Machine powered down, leaving the family deep in thought. Ariel flipped through her notes, while Alice hugged Mr. Fluffernutter tightly.

"Jesus' miracles weren't just about power," Ariel said. "They were about showing people to trust Him."

"Exactly," Ryan said. "Faith isn't just about believing—it's about trusting Him in every situation, even when it seems impossible."

Alice looked up. "Do you think we can have faith like that too?"

Ryan smiled. "We can, Alice. Jesus invites all of us to trust Him, knowing He'll always be with us."

Reflection: Faith That Moves Mountains

That evening, Ariel read aloud from Matthew 14:

“Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.”

The family sat quietly, reflecting on how Jesus’ miracles revealed His power and compassion.

“Faith isn’t about never being afraid,” Ryan said. “It’s about trusting Jesus even when we are.”

“And when we trust Him,” Ariel added, “we see Him do amazing things.”

Alice hugged Mr. Fluffernutter. “I think faith is the best treasure ever.”

“And it’s one that grows the more we trust Him,” Ryan said with a grin.

Takeaway: Trusting the Miracle Worker

The miracles in Matthew 14-15 reveal Jesus’ power over nature, sickness, and even doubt, showing that nothing is impossible when we trust Him. Through acts like feeding thousands, walking on water, and healing the desperate, Jesus demonstrated the transformative power of faith. When we trust Him, even in the face of the impossible, we experience His presence and provision in ways that strengthen our hearts and deepen our connection to Him.