

LESSON 8
AWESOME POWER
MATTHEW 14:1—15:39



1 What kinds of power do you see displayed in society?

2 What kind of power do you need for daily living?



Read Matthew 14:1—15:39, the maps “Jesus Walks on the Sea” and “Ministry in Phoenicia,” and the following notes:

- ☐ 14:14 ☐ 14:19–21 ☐ 14:21 ☐ 14:28 ☐ 14:30, 31 ☐ 14:35, 36
☐ 14:36 ☐ 15:23 ☐ 15:24 ☐ 15:29–31 ☐ 15:32ff ☐ 15:33

3 Fill in this chart about the five miracles recorded in Matthew 14—15:

	What was the miracle?	Over what did Jesus demonstrate power?
14:13–21		
14:22–32		
15:21–28		
15:29–31		
15:32–39		

4 What often moved Jesus to perform miracles (14:14; 15:28, 32)?

5 What did the people whom Jesus helped learn about him?



6 What do these miracles show that Jesus can do for us?

The disciples saw Jesus perform many miracles. In the events of this passage alone, they witnessed five. Among other things, they learned of Jesus' power through these miracles. He showed that he was ready and able to provide for them (14:13–21; 15:32–39), help them through difficult circumstances (14:22–32), free them from demonic forces (15:21–28), and heal them (15:29–31). Because Jesus lives and is God, his power is available to us today, too. God is able and willing to care for us with his mighty power!

7 Why might Jesus not use his power to heal or rescue us?

8 What assurance do we have that God will . . .
provide for us? _____

help us through difficult circumstances? _____

protect us? _____



heal us? _____

9 Over what does Jesus have power today?

10 Why do people often lack confidence in God's ability?

11 How can we have faith in God's ability to help us without having unrealistic expectations?

12 If you had been with the disciples in the boat the night Jesus walked on water, might you have joined Peter and gone over the side, or would you most likely have waited in the boat with the others? Explain.

13 For what situations do you need to ask Christ for help?

14 How can you pray differently this week, demonstrating faith in God and his power?



15 What immediate worry or concern can you entrust to God's care?

A Why did Jesus retreat to a remote area (14:13)? When is it helpful for you to retreat for private prayer and reflection?

B What do you think the crowds talked about after Jesus miraculously fed them (14:19–21; 15:36–38)? How do people respond today when they are the recipients of God's goodness? What can you do to show that you are grateful?

C How did the people of Jesus' day avoid the responsibility of caring for their parents (15:3–6)? What are your responsibilities toward your parents and family? What often gets in the way of fulfilling your responsibilities to these people? How can you serve them better?

D What is important about a person's inner condition (15:16–20)? How can you nurture this part of your life?

E Why did Jesus first refuse to help the Canaanite woman (15:24–26)? Why did he then help her (15:27, 28)? What does this tell you about how you should pray?

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