

Living Faith for Prayer

Peter's prayer, "Lord, save me!" as he was sinking in the water and the waves had only three words, but it was strong enough to receive a sure and certain answer. What made Peter's brief prayer such a strong prayer?

Peter's helplessness—he was about to be engulfed in waves, and he couldn't save himself. He called out to Jesus' in absolute distress and dependence.

Peter knew he couldn't save himself—but he also knew who could and turned to Him.

Peter had living faith—in Jesus. It faltered when he took his eyes off Jesus and looked at the waves churning around him, but he had faith enough to know Jesus would be there for him if he needed help.

Jesus said we're to have faith as a mustard seed, faith that can grow from a tiny seed to a huge tree. Living faith moves us to action, to stepping out of the boat, and it makes the briefest prayer effective when we're in need.