

Know the Bread of Life

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45 Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd.

46 After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.

47 When evening came, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land.

48 He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. About fourth watch of the night, he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them,

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49 but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was **a ghost**. They cried out,

50 because they all saw him and were terrified. **Immediately** he spoke to them and said, "**Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.**"

51 Then he climbed into the boat with them, and **the wind died down**. They were completely amazed,

52 for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.

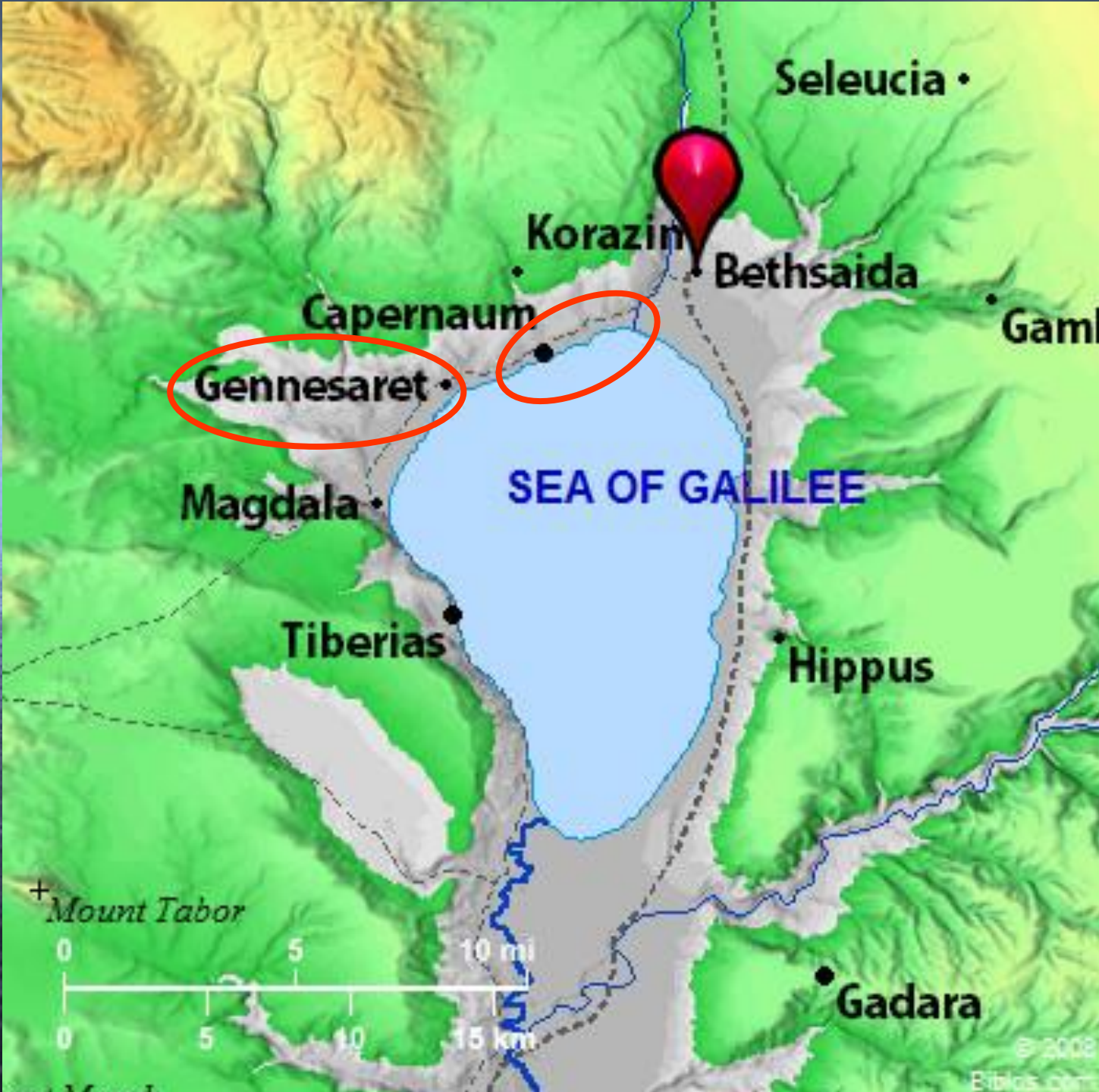
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53 When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there.

54 As soon as they got out of the boat, **people recognized Jesus.**

55 They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.

56 And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and **all who touched him were healed.**



Jesus walked on the water
(Matthew 14: 22-36;
& John 6:15-21)

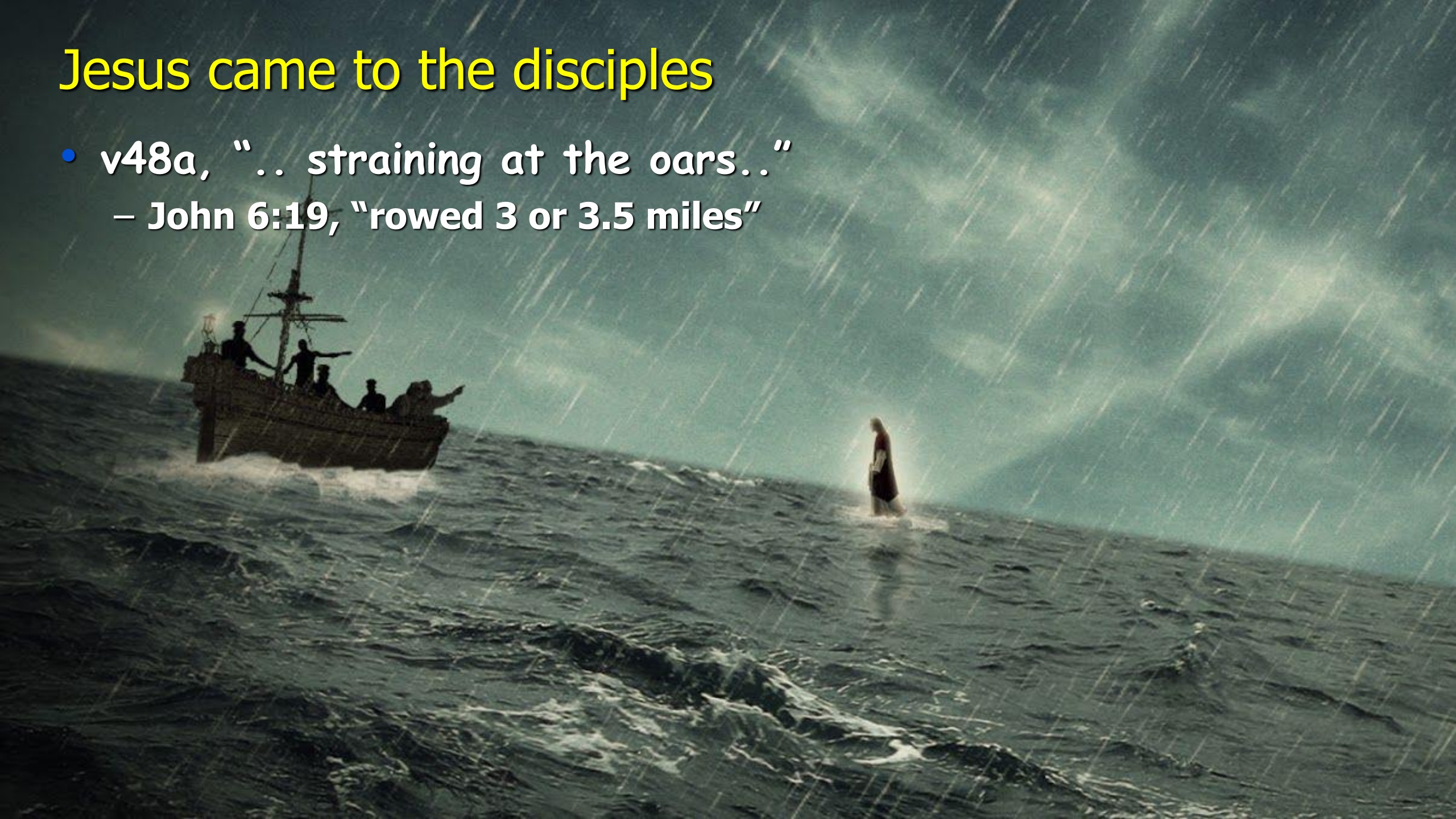
Jesus called His disciples to move on..

- v45, Immediately he made.. to Bethsaida.. he dismissed..
 - urgency – John 6:14, “.. made him king by force.”
- v46, ..He went.. to pray
 - v47-48, “..evening .. 4th watch of the night.”
 - John 6:12, Jesus spent the night praying before naming the 12.
 - John 17, for his disciples & us
 - Jesus prayed at the Garden of Gethsemane.
 - What was he praying ?



Jesus came to the disciples

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 - John 6:19, “rowed 3 or 3.5 miles”



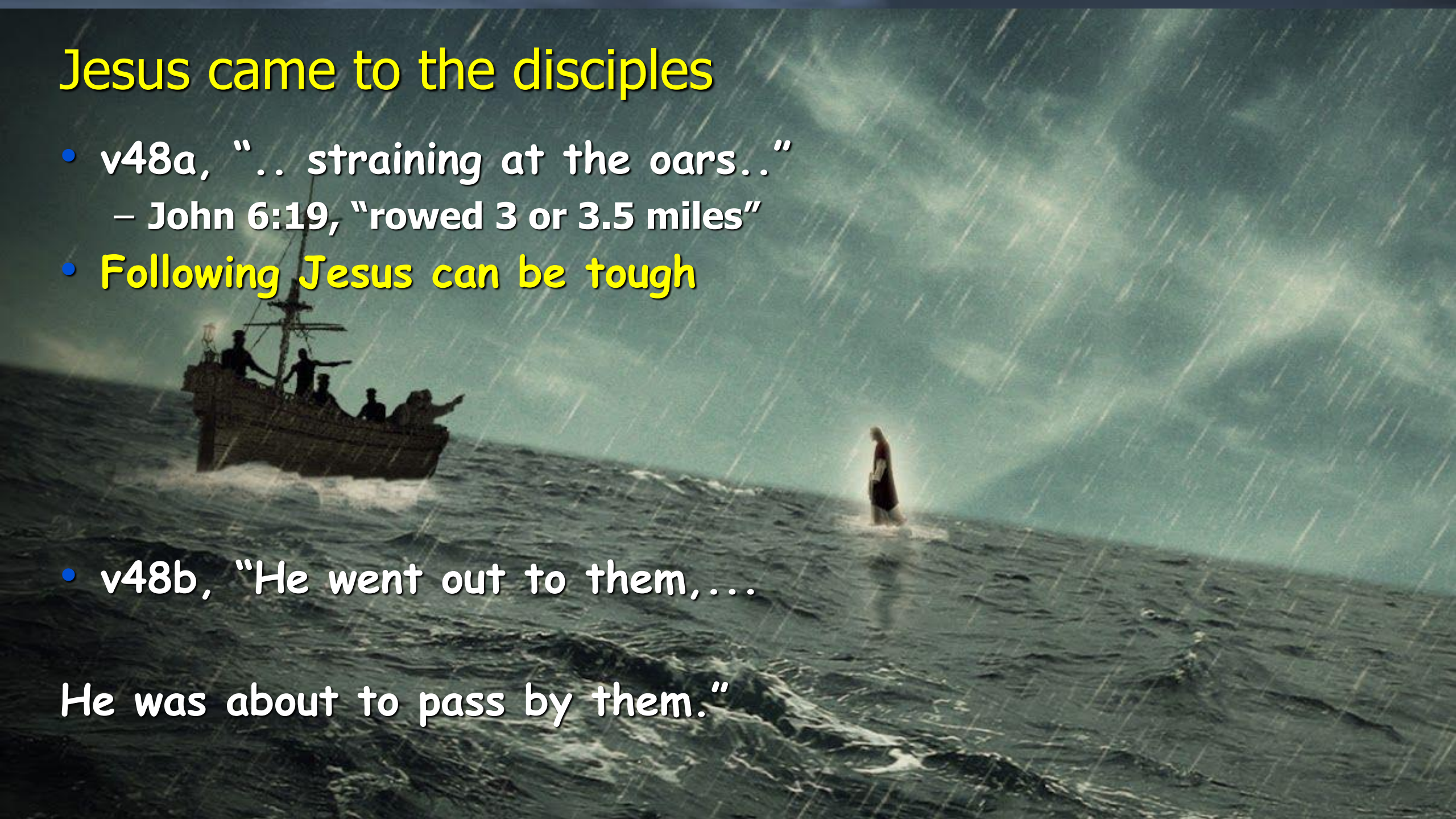


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- **Following Jesus can be tough**

- v48b, “He went out to them,...

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Jesus came to the disciples

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- v50, “Immediately..’Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.””
- Following Jesus is peaceful

Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased.

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“ for they had not understood about the loaves;
their hearts were hardened.”

Feeding of 5000 – Matt 14, Mark 6, Luke 9, John 6



“their hearts were hardened.”

- Had yet to believe!

*Do you have eyes
but fail to see, and
ears but fail to
hear?*

Mark 8:18 NIV



Jesus Healed the sick

- v53, “..they landed at Gennesaret..”
- v56, “ ..into villages, towns or countryside.. were healed.”
- Gennesaret !? Was it not supposed to go to Bethsaida?
- **Following Jesus is never wrong**



Know the Bread of Life

- Following Jesus can be tough
 - Jesus prayed
 - Jesus came along
- Following Jesus is peaceful
 - calm amidst the storm
 - Jesus is patient, full of love
- Following Jesus is never wrong
 - Have you understood the loaves ?
 - Do you believe ?