

AUGUST 7

## **“CRY OUT TO THE LORD.”**

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### **READ**

*Judges 6:1-10, Matthew 14:28-31*

Are you in trouble today? When you take your eyes off Jesus, you are in trouble. When Israel once again disobeyed God and turned to idolatry, the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian for seven years. The devil didn't do it, God did it. Soon the Midianites outnumbered Israel, and with the Amalekites and others, they came against Israel. Israel became impoverished. When the children of Israel finally cried out to God, He heard their cries, and He raised up someone to set them free. God does not ignore the prayers of His people. He is a prayer-answering God. When you are in trouble, things will get worse and worse if you don't cry out to the Lord. The longer you wait, the worse it gets. The Lord is waiting for you to cry out, "Lord, save me!" When Peter was walking on the water, he was fine as long as he kept his eyes on Jesus. Then he looked around at the boisterous wind and crashing waves. He focused on the problem. When he took his eyes off Jesus, he began to sink. He cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately, Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him. If you are in trouble, cry out to the Lord.

### **PRAY**

Lord, let me fix my eyes upon You and You only. Let me not lift my soul to another. It seems there are storms all around me, but You control the wind and the waves.

*From March 11, 2001*