

Hands of Praise Deaf Church

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- You can give an offering online on our website or mail it to our new address
- Bible study Tuesday, 6:30pm on Zoom
 - To join the study email pastor@handsofpraise.org
- Puget Sound Deaf Ministries and Churches cookout Sunday, August 4, DeCoursey Park, Puyallup (We will have church in the park – not in our building)
- Baptism and BBQ at Della's home Saturday, August 24

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Keep Your Eyes on Jesus

Matthew 14:23-24 After he had sent them away, he went by himself up into the hills to pray. It was late, and Jesus was there alone. ²⁴ By this time, the boat was already far away from land. It was being hit by waves, because the wind was blowing against it.

Matthew 14:25-26 Between three and six o'clock in the morning, Jesus came to them, walking on the water. ²⁶ When his followers saw him walking on the water, they were afraid. They said, "It's a ghost!" and cried out in fear.

Matthew 14:27-28 But Jesus quickly spoke to them, "Have courage! It is I. Do not be afraid." ²⁸ Peter said, "Lord, if it is really you, then command me to come to you on the water."

Matthew 14:29 Jesus said, "Come." And Peter left the boat and walked on the water to Jesus.

Matthew 14:30-31 But when Peter saw the wind and the waves, he became afraid and began to sink. He shouted, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught Peter. Jesus said, "Your faith is small. Why did you doubt?"

Hebrews 12:1-2 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. ² We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.