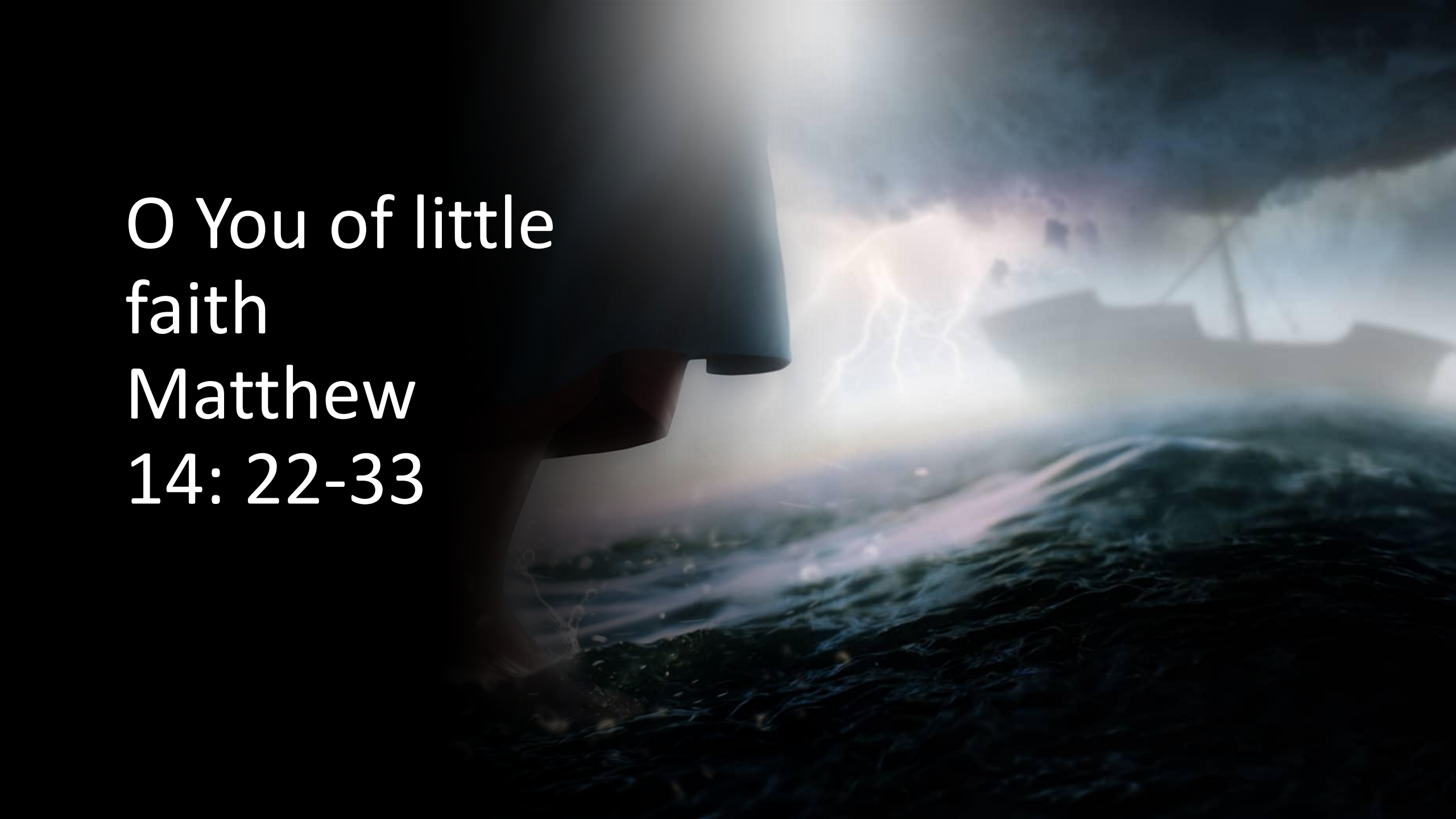


A dramatic scene of a stormy sea with a hand holding a scroll. The background shows a turbulent ocean with dark, churning waves under a dark, stormy sky. A bright, glowing light source, possibly the sun or moon, is partially obscured by dark, heavy clouds. A hand is visible in the foreground, holding a white, cylindrical object, likely a scroll, which is partially unrolled. The overall mood is one of divine intervention or a powerful message being delivered amidst a crisis.

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Matthew
14: 22-33

The Foundation of Faith is Built in Secret

Hebrews 11:1

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

- The Three Elements of Faith
- 1. Knowledge: You cannot believe what you do not know. Faith requires a basic understanding of God's Word and His character.

Romans 10:17

"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ."

- 2. Assent: This is the agreement of your mind and will that the knowledge is true.
- 3. Affiance (Trust): Critical step of acting on that belief, personally surrendering to God, and laying hold of His promises for your life.

Why Faith Matters (The Purpose)

Hebrews 11:6

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

Ephesians 2:8-9

- "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."

2 Corinthians 5:7

- "For we live by faith, not by sight."

Faith in the face of a storm

Proverbs 3:5-6

- "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

1 Peter 1:7

- "These [trials] have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed."

The Journey
of Faith is
Refined in
the Middle

