

**Wake Up**  
Ephesians Part 26

*“Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”*

Ephesians 6:14

Bucky Fuller was one of the most creative minds of the 20th century. His inventions were so numerous they would fill a good-sized book if one decided to record them all. He was well known for the creation of the geodesic dome. But the source of his creativity started when he lost his eyesight. One night, as a child, he went to bed and woke up blind. Medical experts were unable to explain the cause of Bucky's blindness. For several years he remained blind and then suddenly, one day he woke up, and he could see. And Fuller began to see life differently. He said that society had programmed him to see life through the eyes of mediocrity. He had taken everything for granted but now he was able to view everything differently because of his blindness. The hold previously conceived ideas had on him was broken and his imagination was intensified. His new sense of awe led him onto a wonderful path of discovery.

What paths has the Lord led you on that have opened your eyes to a renewed passion for the Kingdom? Many believers start off with a new perspective on life when they give their lives to Christ and are filled with the Holy Spirit. But the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of the American dream can lull the believer to sleep. It's time for a great awakening. Think about it. What are you buying into? What has happened in your life that has left you blind? Like sleeping beauty, we need a kiss from heaven to awaken us to the wonderful possibilities of God's Kingdom, a realm where miracles happen.

You have read the story of Peter walking on water many times. Matthew tells the story in chapter 14. One of the lessons to learn from this true narrative in Matthew is that Jesus was defying natural laws by coming to the disciples in the middle of a storm by hoofing it across the lake. It was night, it was dark, it was windy and rainy. Like a breath upon the water, a ghostlike figure approaches the disciples who were cowering in terror. Don't laugh; you would be too! Then the apparition speaks, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." Wonderful words in a moment made for heart attacks, eh? How has the Lord calmed your raging seas by speaking to you in the midst of the storm?

The thing that has struck me about this event is that Peter had the faith to ask, "Lord, if it is really you, tell me to come to you on the water." Yes, I know that he lost it a little later when he saw his precarious position. But even then the Lord reached out his hand and delivered him and they walked back to the boat together. Now think about it, how many of us let the moment of miracles go right by? Peter, like Bucky Fuller, had an eye-opening experience that none of the other disciples had. He Walked On Water! Dude! And it all started with a brave prayer, "Lord, if it's you, tell me to come to you."

The cure for your spiritual blindness lies in a simple but daring request, "Lord, if this is you, tell me to jump out of the boat." Any awakening starts with a rather odd thing happening and is only birthed when you or I ask, "Lord if this is you call me to participate." At that moment the light of Christ will shine on you and you will never be the same. Yes, moments of fear will come but so will His hand. "Lord, call to us from the waters! Awaken us from our sleep. Open our eyes to the impossible. Tell us to come."