

A dark, atmospheric night scene with a sailboat on the water in the background. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

# A WATCHMAN IN THE NIGHT

MATTHEW 14:22-33

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The stone that the builders rejected has become  
the cornerstone...

**Matthew 21:42**

4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious,  
5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**1 Peter 2:4-5**

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Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

**Matthew 14:13**



22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them.

**Matthew 14:22-24**

25 And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear.

**Matthew 14:25-26**

But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

**Matthew 14:27**

13 Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” 14 God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I am has sent me to you.’”

**Exodus 3:13-14**



**BE COURAGEOUS  
DON'T BE AFRAID  
I AM**



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**Matthew 14:29-31**

Anytime we take our eyes  
off Christ and place them  
on the obstacles, our faith  
will collapse.

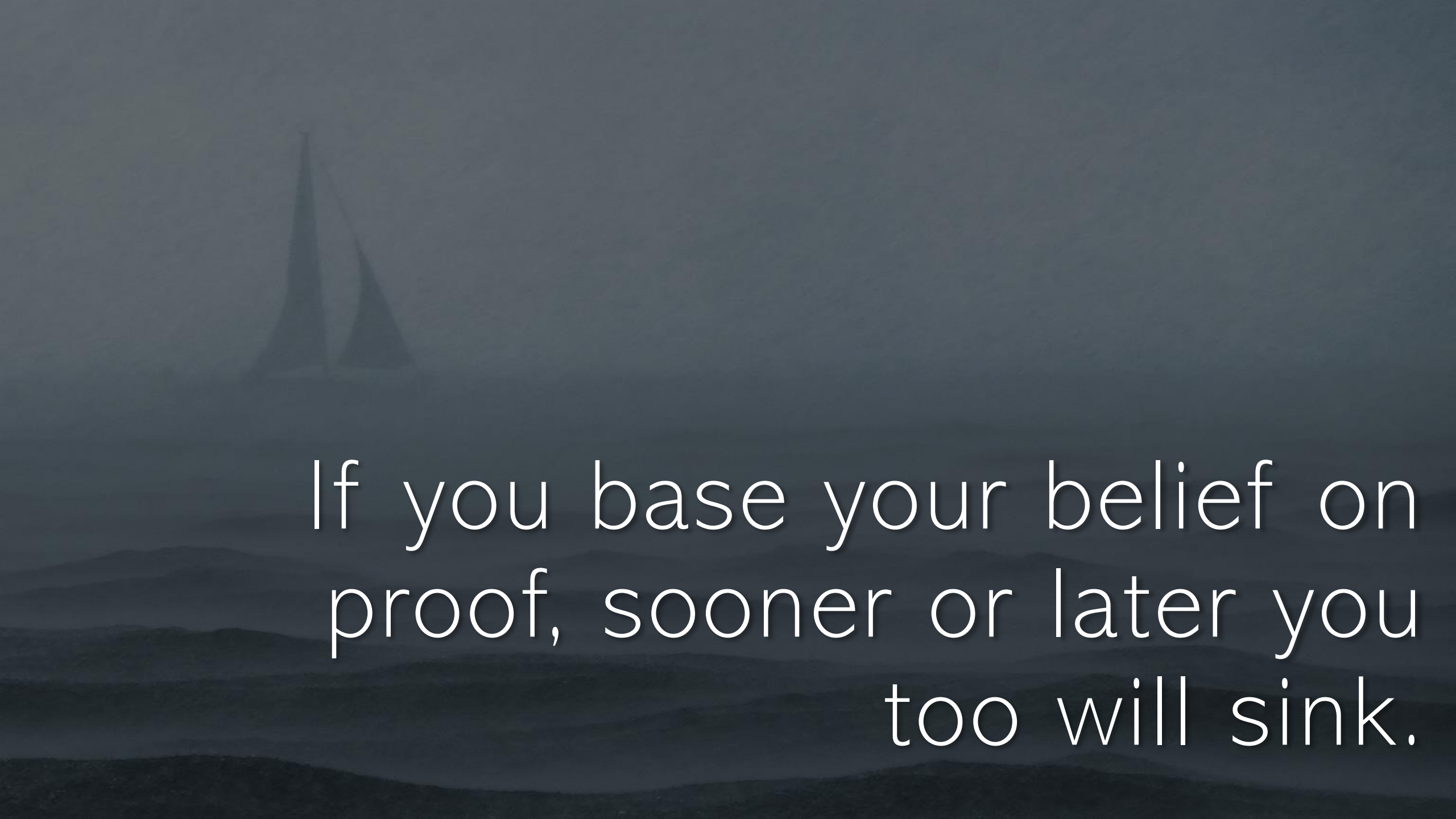
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If you base your belief on  
proof, sooner or later you  
too will sink.

Peter needed to be able  
to see Jesus in the storm,  
just as Jesus saw Him in  
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