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- To become closer to God. (81%)
- So their children will have a moral foundation. (69%)
- To become a better person. (68%)
- For comfort in times of trouble or sorrow. (66%)
- They find the sermons valuable. (59%)
- To be part of a faith community. (57%)
- To continue their family's religious traditions. (37%)
- They feel obligated to go. (31%)
- To meet new people or socialize. (19%)
- To please their family, spouse or partner. (16%)

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But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:31

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When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, “This truly is the Prophet who is to come into the world.”

John 6:14

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him.

Deuteronomy 18:15

Therefore, when Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

John 6:15

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. Darkness had already set in, but Jesus had not yet come to them.

John 6:16-17

Immediately he made the disciples
get into the boat and go ahead of
him to the other side, while he
dismissed the crowds.

Matthew 14:22

After dismissing the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. Well into the night, he was there alone.

Matthew 14:23

A high wind arose, and the sea began to churn. John 6:18

Meanwhile, the boat was already some distance from land, battered by the waves, because the wind was against them. Matthew 14:24

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Sometimes God sends us into the storms to teach us or to grow our faith.

Well into the night, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and he was alone on the land. He saw them straining at the oars, because the wind was against them.

Mark 6:47

After they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea. He was coming near the boat, and they were afraid.

John 6:19

When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost!” they said, and they cried out in fear.

Matthew 14:26

But he said to them,
“It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

John 6:20

Then Moses asked God, “If I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what should I tell them?” God replied to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.”

Exodus 3:13-14

When they got into the boat,
the wind ceased.

Matthew 14:32

Then they were willing to take him on board, and at once the boat was at the shore where they were heading.

John 6:21

God never promises a smooth journey, but he does promise us a safe landing on the other side.

