

# 02/28/21 Message

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Part of Win the Day

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\*\*Message: Don't Play it Safe

## Series: Win the Day

Recap: We're in the 5th message in our **Win the Day** series, based around the namesake book from Mark Batterson. We live in a negative culture and we need a win! We need something to celebrate; we need a victory! It starts when we win the day, one day at a time. Using Biblical principles for changing sides (moving from the losing side to the winning side), together we will learn to stress less and accomplish more in 2021.

## Introduction

- It's doing LITTLE things like they're BIG things!

*God is great not just because nothing is too big. God is great because nothing is too small. People say they'll give more when they make more. I'm not buying what they're selling. People say they will serve more when they have more time. We've already debunked that myth. You don't find time, you make time! People think they'll be ready to step up when the big opportunity presents itself. They won't if they aren't already taking advantage of little opportunities right here, right now!*

—Mark Batterson

## Matthew's Gospel

Just before Matthew 14:22 we find Jesus teaching and performing miracles, with His disciples. At the end of the day, the "crowd" following Jesus needed food, but they were in a remote area. The disciples wanted Jesus to tell the people to go to town and pay for their own food, but Jesus had other plans. He used 5 loaves and 2 fish to

feed the people! It was a Jesus miracle, supernatural moment!

Sit back and watch what happened! The Bible tells us that 5,000 men were fed that day! While we've always heard this is the story of the 5,000 being fed, that's really not true. The Bible tells us that 5,000 men PLUS "all" the women AND children. It's possible between 5,000-10,000 were fed that day, and had all they wanted with 12 baskets of leftovers!

The disciples were out of their comfort zone and they took a risk - the risk paid off!

### ***Luke 6:38 (NLT)***

Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.

Jesus then told the disciples to cross the lake, while He went to the hillside to pray (give thanks). A massive storm came with high winds and chaotic waves. This happened:

### ***Matthew 14:25-33 (NLT)***

25 About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water.

26 When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!"

27 But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!"

28 Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water."

29 "Yes, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus.

30 But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted.

31 Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?"

32 When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped.

33 Then the disciples worshiped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.

## Peter Lived Out “Don’t Play it Safe”

How?

Peter STEPPED OUT of the boat

o Peter understood that it was safer WITH Jesus than WITHOUT Jesus

Peter WENT AFTER Jesus

o Peter knew that in the midst of his problem, Jesus was the answer

Peter LOOKED UP when he was sinking

o When the world tried to discourage him; when the enemy used fear to distract him; the first thing Peter did was look up and ask Jesus to step in

## Big Risk, Big Reward

Peter has always been one to take risks, from the moment he decided to leave everything and follow Jesus. He wasn’t perfect, but he took risks. Peter’s ministry was effective because of the risks he took, even when they were uncomfortable or difficult.

Jesus told the disciples in...

### ***John 14:12***

Anyone who believes in Me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works...

Jesus wants YOU to be His hands and feet. He is not here physically, but you are! Allow yourself to be used to show the world Jesus loves them and show them how to be saved!

*If you want to win the day, don’t play it safe. Take risks, and when you do - step out of the boat, go after Jesus, and always look up and you’ll find Him! Win the day!*

—Pastor Chad

*Little by little, bad habits are broken. Little by little, good habits are built. Little by little, dreams become reality. Don’t play it safe!*

—Mark Batterson