

# THE COURAGE TO WALK THE WATER

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## **Matthew 14:27–31 KJV**

27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. 28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. 29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. 31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

**There is a dangerous disease in our culture today, and it's called the illusion of safety. Society has conditioned us to believe that success is finding a comfortable spot in a secure boat, riding out the storms of life, and blending in with everybody else. We celebrate survival, but God is calling us to the miraculous. We have settled for what is normal, what is expected, and what is logical. But you were not created to live within the restraints of societal norms. You were not built to just ride the waves; you were built to walk on them.**

**In Matthew 14, the disciples are in a boat, trapped in a storm, terrified for their lives. Jesus comes walking to them on the water. Now, there are twelve men in that boat. Eleven of them see a ghost, shrink back in fear, and hold on to the edges of the wood. They represent the status quo. They represent the crowd that tells you to play it safe, keep your head down, and don't try anything crazy. But one man—Peter—looks out at the storm and realizes that the safest place in the world is not inside a sinking boat, but out on the turbulent water with Jesus.**

**If you are going to advance to your next level, if you are going to tap into the next dimension of your destiny, you have to outgrow your comfort zone. You cannot be great and be comfortable at the same time. Here are four things Peter did, and four things you must do, to**

**break out of the boat life and step into your water-walking season.**

## **1. DEMAND A WORD FOR YOUR NEXT DIMENSION**

**Matthew 14:28-29 KJV**

**And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come.**

Peter didn't just jump over the edge of the boat on a whim. He didn't step out based on a motivational speech or a good feeling. He asked for permission to defy gravity. He demanded a direct word from Jesus. Notice what he says: "Bid me come." Peter understood that human courage without divine instruction is just foolishness. But when you get a word from God, that word becomes the invisible bridge you walk on.

To get to your next level, you have to stop moving on assumptions and start moving on revelation. The reason some people drown when they try to step out is that they are walking on their own ambition instead of walking on God's instruction. You have to get a "Come" from heaven. When society tells you that your business idea is crazy, or your ministry vision is too big, or your standard of living is unrealistic, you don't need their approval. You just need one word from God. When He says "Come," the water has no choice but to hold you up.

### **QUOTE:**

**"Faith does not operate in the realm of the possible. There is no glory for God in that which is humanly possible. Faith begins where man's power ends." — George Müller**

## **2. BREAK FELLOWSHIP WITH COMPLACENCY**

**Matthew 14:29 KJV**

**And when Peter was come down out of the ship...**

Do not miss this: in order for Peter to get to Jesus, he had to leave the other

eleven disciples behind. He had to separate himself from the majority. The hardest part about outgrowing your comfort zone is the reality that you cannot take everybody with you. When you decide to step into a new dimension, you are going to offend the people who are satisfied with the boat. Your courage is going to trigger their complacency.

If you want to do something great, you have to be willing to look foolish to the people who are playing it safe. Society's norms will try to peer-pressure you into staying average. The boat represents everything you are familiar with—your routine, your traditional mindset, your current friend group, your steady paycheck. But you have to ask yourself: am I going to let the fear of what the other eleven think keep me from experiencing the miraculous? To outgrow your comfort zone, you must be willing to step away from the crowd. Greatness is a solo departure before it becomes a public testimony.

#### **QUOTE:**

**"A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are built for." — John A. Shedd**

### **3. STEP ON TOP OF WHAT USED TO SCARE YOU**

**Matthew 14:29 KJV**

**..he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.**

Think about what is happening here. The water is the very thing that was causing the storm. The water is the exact element that threatened to drown them. But when Peter steps out of the boat, the thing that was meant to kill him becomes the platform that elevates him. Peter literally walked on top of his crisis.

This is what happens when you advance to the next dimension. God will not always remove the storm; sometimes He will anoint you to walk right on top of it. The industry that intimidated you, the family generational curse that terrified you, the economic system that tried to crush you—God is going to use those exact elements as the pavement for your purpose. You cannot conquer what you refuse to confront. Stepping out of your comfort zone means looking at the chaotic, unpredictable, unsupported environment of your life and deciding that with Jesus, you have dominance over it. You don't have to be a victim of your environment.

You can walk on it.

**QUOTE:**

**"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." — Corrie ten Boom**

## **4. PREFER A WET MIRACLE OVER A DRY ROUTINE**

**Matthew 14:30-31 KJV**

**But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him..."**

People love to preach about Peter sinking. They criticize him for taking his eyes off Jesus. But listen to me: I would rather be a wet water-walker than a dry boat-rider. Yes, Peter lost his focus for a second. Yes, the wind distracted him. Yes, he started to go down. But when he fell, he fell into the arms of Jesus. The other eleven never sank, but they never walked on water, either. They stayed completely dry, and completely average.

If you are going to advance to the next level, you have to get rid of your fear of failure. Sinking is not the opposite of success; staying in the boat is. Society tells you that if you try something outside the norm and it gets hard, you made a mistake. But the reality of a faith-walk is that sometimes the wind will howl, and sometimes your faith will falter. But God is faithful. The moment Peter cried out, Jesus caught him. God will never let you drown when you are trying to get to Him.

**QUOTE:**

**"I would rather attempt to do something great and fail than to attempt to do nothing and succeed." — Robert H. Schuller**

Conclusion

You have a decision to make. You can stay in the boat. It's crowded. It's dry. It makes sense to everyone else. You can conform to the restraints of society, pay your bills, retire, and die without ever knowing what you were truly capable of. Or, you can look out at the impossible, hear the voice of God calling you, and throw your leg over the edge of the ship. You don't have to settle for a boat life. There is a whole dimension of power, authority, and destiny waiting for you on the waves. Get out of your comfort zone. Defy the norm. Step out on the word of God, and

walk the water.