

Study Guide: Big Moves — Lock In... Follow in Faith

Lesson Summary & Objective

This lesson explores how God guides believers through major decisions by His voice and His peace. Participants will learn to distinguish between fear, noise, and God's voice, and to follow Him in faith, trusting that His peace acts as confirmation even in uncertain circumstances.

Key Scripture Passages

- Hebrews 10:36
- Matthew 14:27–31
- Isaiah 30:21
- John 10:27
- Psalm 85:8
- Colossians 3:15
- Proverbs 24:16

Lesson Points & Discussion

1. Big Moves Require Endurance, Not Urgency

Faith-driven decisions are rarely rushed. While fear demands immediate action, God calls His people to endurance, promising long-term stability rather than quick relief (Hebrews 10:36).

Discussion Questions:

- Where do you feel pressure to move quickly instead of waiting on God?
- How does endurance protect your faith during major decisions?

2. God's Voice Brings Peace Before Direction

Before Jesus gave instruction in the storm, He reassured the disciples with His voice. God brings peace before He brings movement, calming the heart before guiding the steps (Matthew 14:27; Isaiah 30:21).

Discussion Questions:

- How can peace help you identify whether God is speaking?
- Why is reassurance often necessary before obedience?

3. Learning God's Voice Requires Relationship

Peter did not act impulsively; he recognized Jesus' voice because of relationship. Spending time with God sharpens discernment and builds confidence to follow Him (Matthew 14:28; John 10:27).

Discussion Questions:

- What practices help you better recognize God's voice?
- How does familiarity with God affect your response to uncertainty?

4. Obedience Activates the Miracle

Peter experienced the miracle only after stepping out in obedience. God often gives a word, not a full explanation, and peace accompanies faithful action (Matthew 14:29; Psalm 85:8).

Discussion Questions:

- What step of obedience might God be asking you to take?
- Why is peace more reliable than circumstances when obeying God?

5. Peace Acts as the Umpire

God's peace rules the heart like an umpire, settling decisions and confirming alignment. When peace remains, believers can move forward confidently, even in storms (Colossians 3:15).

Discussion Questions:

- How have you experienced God's peace settling a decision?
- What should you do when peace is absent?

6. Failure Does Not Cancel the Call

When Peter began to sink, Jesus was still close enough to rescue him. Moments of doubt do not disqualify believers; God's grace remains within reach (Matthew 14:31; Proverbs 24:16).

Discussion Questions:

- How does God's grace encourage you after missteps?
- What helps you rise again after a moment of fear or doubt?