

UHAUL
"Getting Out of the Boat"
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"Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people home. After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. Night fell while he was there alone. Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves. About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!" But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!"
Matthew 14:22-27 (NLT)

Times of transition/change will always present you
with the opportunity to live in fear or live in faith.

Benefits of living in faith:

1. You start to understand the true definition of faith

"Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water." "Yes, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus."
Matthew 14:28-29 (NLT)

Faith is only as good as what you put it in.

Jesus: "I will show you what it's like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it. It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built. But anyone who hears and doesn't obey is like a person who builds a house without a foundation. When the floods sweep down against that house, it will collapse into a heap of ruins." Luke 6:47-49 (NLT)

I used to say faith is the opposite of fear. I don't anymore.

Formula for spiritual health: Faith > Fear = Obedience

"But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted. Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?"
Matthew 14:30-31 (NLT)

Definition of Failure: "Refusing to try."

2. You learn to stabilize your life by focusing on things that never change

When you need stability there are 3 things to focus on that will never change:

- God's Son will never change (Hebrews 13:8)
- God's Love will never change (Jeremiah 31:3)
- God's Word will never change (Isaiah 40:8)

"When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. Then the disciples worshiped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed."
Matthew 14:32-33 (NLT)

3. You finally "get" it!