

²² Immediately He made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. 23 After dismissing the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone. 24 But the boat was already over a mile from land, battered by the waves, because the wind was against them. ²⁵ Around three in the morning, He came toward them walking on the sea. 26 When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they

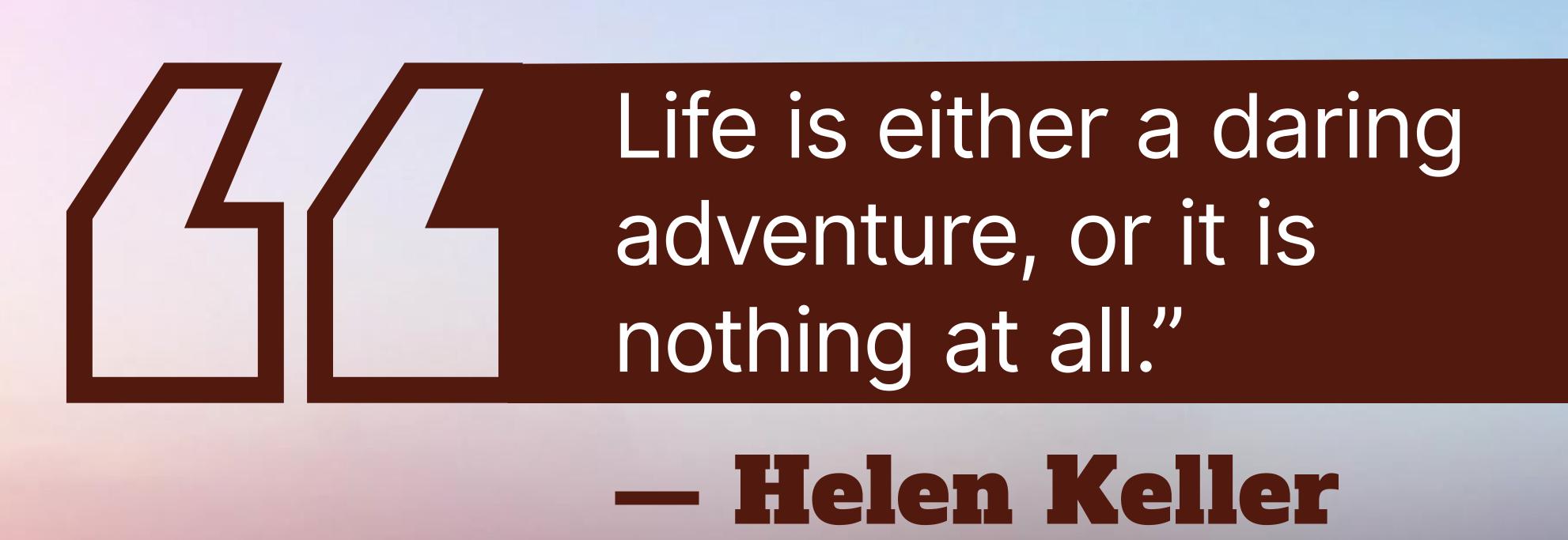
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were terrified. "It's a ghost!" they said, and cried out in fear. 27 Immediately Jesus spoke to them. "Have courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." 28 "Lord, if it's You," Peter answered Him, "command me to come to You on the water." 29 "Come!" He said. And climbing out of the boat, Peter started walking on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the strength of the wind, he was afraid. And beginning to sink he cried out,

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"Lord, save me!" 31 Immediately Jesus reached out His hand, caught hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 Then those in the boat worshiped Him and said, "Truly You are the Son of God!"

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What if Jesus told to get out of the boat, would you?

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- Matthew 14:22

Challenge #1 Get Into the Boat!

• Curious



Challenge #2 Get Out of the Boat!



Why did Jesus tell Peter to get out of the boat?

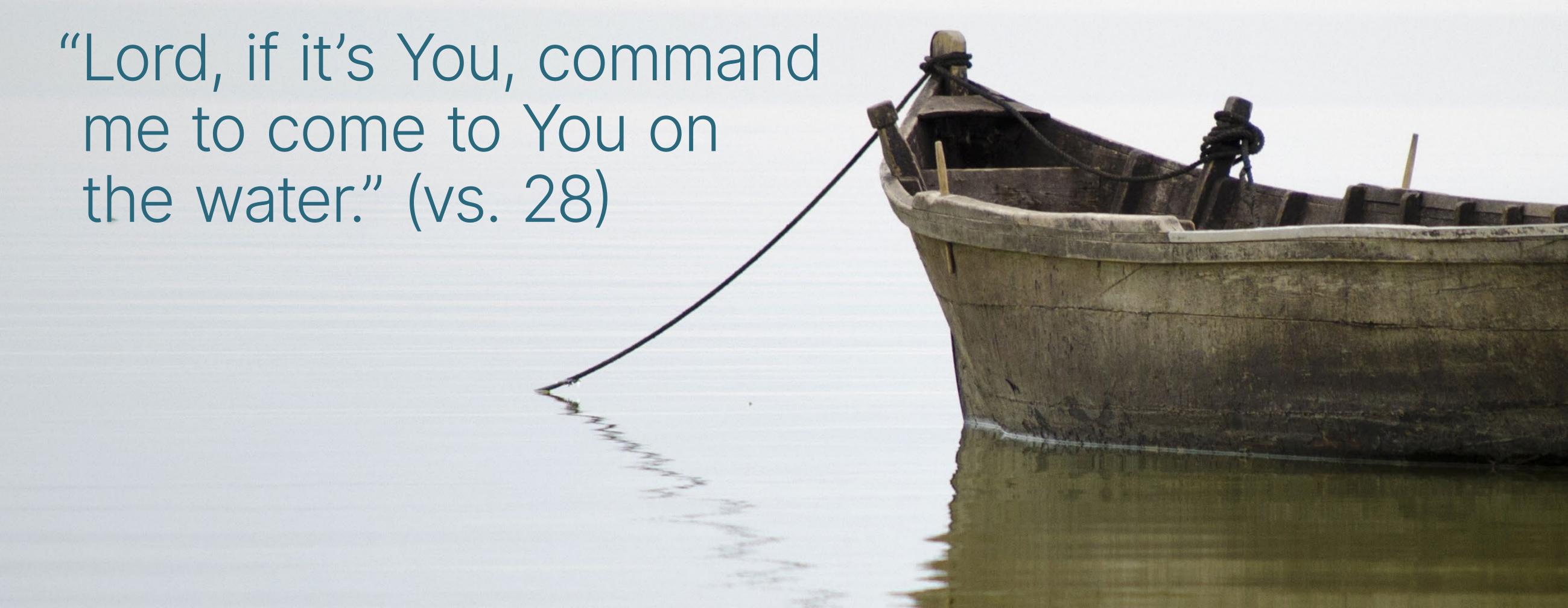
 Jesus challenged Peter to get out of the boat because Peter first gave Jesus permission to challenge him.

"Lord, if it's You, command me to come to You on the water." (vs. 28)

• Jesus challenged Peter to leave the comfortable.

How can you tell the difference between faith and foolishness?

Answer: Run it by Jesus first.



Get out of the boat!

- Take a mission trip to somewhere you've never been.
- Serve on a mission project.
- Host an orphan from a foreign country.
- Be a foster parent of a child here in NC.
- Go back to school and get that degree.
 (You've talked about it for years...well, do it!)
- Change jobs. (If you hate what you're doing...
 do something else!)

Get out of the boat!

- Go into full-time ministry.
- Start a business with a unique employment base.
- Teach a BFG class?
- If you are living in an apartment, why not become an apartment missionary?
- Read through the entire Bible?
- Start a small discipleship group?
- The list goes on and on.

