

Step In // Step Up // Step out //

Week 3

'Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray.

Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" '

Matthew 14:22-31

Stepping out feels scary—but courage isn't found in ourselves, it's found in the God who calls us

1. Step Out of the boat

Peter didn't walk on water until he was willing to leave the safety of the boat.

' "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. '

Matthew 14:29

2. Step Out on His Word

Big faith steps are built on God's promises, not our wishful thinking.

'Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. '

Romans 10:17

'His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. '

2 Peter 1:3

3. Step Out into the Unknown

Growing in Christ equips us, and the more we become like Him, the bolder we can be for Him.

'For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. '

2 Peter 1:8