

# Get Out of The Boat

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Matthew 14:22-33.

<sup>22</sup> Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup> And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

## 1. Storms in life will still come even when I obey God's calling

Matthew 14:22

**"Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds."**

1 Peter 1:6,7

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, **so that the tested genuineness of your faith**—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ<sup>1</sup>

Faith Tests – Rick Warren

The **Pressure** Test

The **People** Test

The **Persistence** Test

The **Priorities** Test

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<sup>1</sup> *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*. (2001). (1 Pe 1:6–7). Wheaton: Standard Bible Society.

## 2. **Jesus is not absent** during the storms of my life

Mark 6:46-48

<sup>4</sup>And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. **And he saw that they were making headway painfully**, for the wind was against them.<sup>2</sup>

Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. **He will not leave you or forsake you.**<sup>3</sup>

## 3. Obedience to God's calling will always require **leaving my comfort zone**

Matthew 14:28,29

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." **So Peter got out of the boat** and walked on the water and came to Jesus.<sup>4</sup>

"Faith makes a fool of what makes sense." – Hillsong United Here Now

## 4. Obedience to God's calling will always require **greater focus**

Matthew 14:30

But when **he saw the wind**, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me."

Philippians 3:13-14

But one thing I do: **forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead**, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.<sup>5</sup>

## 5. Obedience to God's calling will always have **spectators**.

Matthew 14:32-33

And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And **those in the boat** worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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<sup>2</sup> *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*. (2001). (Mk 6:46–48). Wheaton: Standard Bible Society.

<sup>3</sup> *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*. (2001). (Dt 31:6). Wheaton: Standard Bible Society.

<sup>4</sup> *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*. (2001). (Mt 14:28–29). Wheaton: Standard Bible Society.

<sup>5</sup> *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*. (2001). (Php 3:13–14). Wheaton: Standard Bible Society.