



Jesus
for Grown-Ups

Following Jesus makes life better.

*“I have come that you may have **life**,
and have it to the **full**.”*

Jesus

Better doesn't always mean
comfortable or convenient.

If you're looking for comfort and convenience, Jesus may not be what you're looking for.

*“Whoever wants to be my disciple must **deny** themselves and take up their **cross** and **follow me.**”*

Jesus

Following Jesus won't always be
easy but it will always be best.

Then he got into the boat and his
disciples **followed** him...

Matthew 8:23 NIV

He replied, “You of **little faith**, why are you so **afraid**?”

Matthew 8:26 NIV

Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

Matthew 8:26 NIV

The men were **amazed** and asked, “What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!”

Matthew 8:27 NIV

Immediately Jesus **made** the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the **other side**, while he dismissed the crowd.

Matthew 14:22 NIV

After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone,

Matthew 14:23 NIV

and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the **wind** was against it.

Matthew 14:24 NIV

Shortly before dawn Jesus went
out to them, **walking on the lake.**

Matthew 14:25 NIV

When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in **fear**.

Matthew 14:26 NIV

But Jesus immediately said to them: “You pansies! Don’t you remember the last time...

Matthew 14:27 NITT

But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take **courage**! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

Matthew 14:27 NIV

“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied,
“tell me to come to you **on the**
water.”

Matthew 14:28 NIV

“Come,” he said.

Matthew 14:29 NIV

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

Matthew 14:29 NIV

But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

Matthew 14:30 NIV

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of **little faith,**” he said, “why did you doubt?”

Matthew 14:31 NIV

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then **those** who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Matthew 14:32, 33 NIV

**When you step up and step out,
God will show up and show out.**

Your next step may be
inconvenient but it won't be
inconsequential.

Your next step may be
uncomfortable but it won't be
unprofitable.

What is your uncomfortable and
inconvenient next step?

Father, give me the wisdom
to know the right thing to do
and the courage to do it,
even when it's hard.