
BOAT



> *Matthew 14:28-29* <

"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.

There's this old quote that says, "A boat in port is safe, but that is not what boats were built for." Imagine what the disciples must have felt. The seas were high. The lightning highlighted the whitecaps as they crested over the edges of the boat. The disciples were all alone. In the distance, a shadow, a figure, began to emerge. At first they were scared. Then they recognized that it was Jesus, walking to them on the water.

OK. Time out. This is amazing! Can you even imagine what that would be like, to actually see a person walk on water? I'm not sure about you but I would've just sat and watched, mouth wide open, eyes fixed, and mind racing. But that's not what Peter chose to do. He wanted to be more than an onlooker; he wanted to live, to be fully alive, to walk closely with Jesus even if that meant walking on water. So, instead of staying in the safety of the boat, he called out to Jesus and Jesus responded with the simple invitation: "come."

We are not meant to sit around as bystanders of faith, in the comfort and safety of our boats. We are built to walk closely with our Lord and participate in the miracles of His ministry then and now. Our life with Jesus calls us to adventures, to pushing the boundaries, and to doing things we never thought possible. Want to feed the world? Step out of the boat. Want to help the sick? Step out of the boat. Want to live a passionate, love filled, life full of wonder that makes a difference in the world? Step out of the boat.

Go and Do

Tomorrow go and talk with your youth minister about some ways you can step out of the boat in your church, city, and school. God gives us passions and gifts and when we match those passions and gifts with helping the world in Jesus' name, incredible things can happen. So how can your interests and passions match up with the Kingdom of God? Let the adventure begin!
