

Step Out of the Boat! *Matthew 14:22-33*

A. The Example: Peter’s Ups and Downs

* Peter’s Character
* Very Outspoken, but he comes through in the Clutch
* Peter’s Mistake
* He got his eyes off Jesus and on the Wind and Waves
* Peter’s Faith
* He had a Vision: to believe Jesus to do the Impossible

B. The Obstacles: What Keeps us in the Boat?

* Fears
* Fear is the Opposite of Faith
* Doubts
* How can you trust God if you are Uncertain it is Him?
* Securities
* Fear and doubt lead to a strong desire for Security
* It’s the Safety of the boat: Windy and wet but still “Secure”

C. The Challenge: Step Out of the Boat!

* Leave your Fears, Doubts, and Securities behind
* Be willing to take a Risk and get out of the boat
* Look to Jesus
* Don’t look at the Wind and Waves; keep looking at Jesus
* Just Do it!
* Don’t stay Huddled with the rest in the Back of the boat
* Attempt something so Great for God that it is bound for Failure if He does not Intervene

Next Step: In what ways do you need to Step Out of the Boat this week?

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