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Eyes On Me

I'm calling you to come. It's time to get out of the boat. Step out in faith on the water with me. Leave the comfort and safety of the boat. Let go of what you have always done. I want to do a new thing in and through your life.

Keep your eyes on me. Yes, the wind will blow and the waves will beat against you. Pay no attention to them. Hold on to me as I hold on to you. I will never let you go. You are firmly in my grip.

Take one step at a time with me. You don't need to know everything about your destination. If you did you might turn back. If you did you might think that you don't need my help. That seems unlikely to me. Just follow me to where I'm leading you.

Listen to me. Be attentive to my voice. Turn your ears to hear what I am saying to you. Don't let the noise from the world and the busyness of life drown me out.

Watch everything that I am showing to you. Take time to notice what I want you to see. Keep your eyes open. Don't race right on by what is important.

Call on me for help. You will not be able to do what I'm asking of you with your own power and strength. You must learn to rely on me and not on yourself.

I have so many questions. I want to know more. I'm excited and can hardly wait for what you are calling me to be and do for you.

Be patient. Don't race ahead of me and don't lag behind me. Remain right by my side. I will give you everything you need. I will show you everything you need to see. I will speak to you everything you need to hear.

Ask for everything you need from me. Have faith that I will answer you. Do not doubt or be afraid. I am with you to help you.

Lord, help me to "get out of the boat" to follow and serve you. I will go where you guide me to do all you ask of me. Help me to hold on to you as you hold on to me when the "wind and waves" beat against me in the storms of life. Amen

Faith *Out Of The Boat*

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NIV Matthew 14:29-31

Faith *Out Of The Boat*

He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

ESV Matthew 14:29-31

Faith *Over The Side Of The Boat*

"Yes, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted. Jesus immediately reached out his hand and grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?"

NLT Matthew 14:29-31

Faith *Out Of The Boat*

So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

NKJV Matthew 14:29-31

Faith *Out Of The Boat*

He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

NRSV Matthew 14:29-31

Faith *Out Of The Boat*

He said, "Come ahead." Jumping out of the boat, Peter walked on the water to Jesus. But when he looked down at the waves churning beneath his feet, he lost his nerve and started to sink. He cried, "Master, save me!" Jesus didn't hesitate. He reached down and grabbed his hand. Then he said, "Faint-hearted, what got into you?"

MSG Matthew 14:29-31

Faith *Out Of The Boat*

He said, Come! So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water, and he came toward Jesus. But when he perceived and felt the strong wind, he was frightened, and as he began to sink, he cried out, Lord, save me [from death]! Instantly Jesus reached out His hand and caught and held him, saying to him, O you of little faith, why did you doubt?

AMP Matthew 14:29-31

Faith *Over The Side Of The Boat*

"All right," the Lord said, "come along!" So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he looked around at the high waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted. Instantly Jesus reached out his hand and rescued him. "O man of little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?"

TLB Matthew 14:29-31

Faith *Out Of The Boat*

And He said, "Come!" And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and *said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

NASB Matthew 14:29-31

Faith *Left The Boat*

Jesus said, "Come." And Peter left the boat and walked on the water to Jesus. But when Peter saw the wind and the waves, he became afraid and began to sink. He shouted, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught Peter. Jesus said, "Your faith is small. Why did you doubt?"

NCV Matthew 14:29-31

Out Of The Boat

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Faith – Matthew 14:29-31

In Context: *Read Matthew 14*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, help me to "get out of the boat" to follow and serve you. I will go where you guide me to do all you ask of me. Help me to hold on to you as you hold on to me when the "wind and waves" beat against me in the storms of life. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What do you hear Christ calling you to be and do for Him?

What kind of faith has loving, following and serving Christ required of you?

When have you been reluctant to "get out of the boat" to join Christ in what He wants you to do for Him?

How has your faith in Christ grown as you have "gotten out of the boat" to follow and serve Him?

When has the "wind and the waves" beat against you as you have followed and served Christ?

How have you held on to Christ and He held on to you through all the storms of life?

What has Christ been able to do in your life as you have "gotten out of the boat" to follow Him?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

"Get out of the boat" to walk with Christ to where He wants to lead you.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that Christ will hold on to you as you hold on to Him through all the storms of life.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group when you have "gotten out of the boat" to follow and serve Christ.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you keep your eyes on Christ and hold on to Him as He holds on to you through all the storms of life.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, help me to keep my eyes and ears open to all that you want me to see and hear as I follow you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?
