

## BEING WILLING TO LEAVE THE BOAT

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Matt 14:28-29 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

Some focus on the storm, some focus on the fear, some focus on the failure, but those things don't tell the whole story. In the middle of the passage, something remarkable took place. Peter actually walked on the water! He knew the joy and freedom of experiencing God's power because he was willing to take a risk. He was willing to leave the boat.

"Most people prefer the certainty of misery to the misery of uncertainty."

Most people love to hear stories about how powerful God is but as great as those stories are, us receiving that information alone is not sufficient enough to make us courageous human beings. We can receive a lot of information that tells us about the power and the sufficiency of God, but information alone doesn't change the hearts and lives of individuals. In order for information to do us good, a transformation needs to take place. There is some action and some experiences that we must go through.

What has God asked you to do, that as of yet, you haven't been willing to do? What area of your life does God want you to trust Him in, where you are hesitant to let go?

No doubt Peter was afraid but he allowed his faith to supersede his fear.

Are you full of faith or fear? Are you willing to leave the boat? Are you willing to get your feet wet? Are you willing to take a risk and respond the call of God?

Faith is not the kind of thing that can be acquired by trying harder to get it. The way to have more faith is to get to know God better. The better we know Him, the more we will trust Him. The more we trust Him the easier it is to take a risk.

The reason that Peter was willing to leave the boat is because he trusted in Jesus.

Somebody once said, "He who loses wealth loses much. He who loses a friend loses more. He who loses courage loses all."

God help us to be courageous and always ready and willing to be obedient to your voice.