

BEYOND SUNDAY

A SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

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This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

MESSAGE THEME

LESSONS ON FAITH FROM THREE BOAT RIDES

PRAYER FOCUS

"Thank you so much Father for your faithfulness all throughout history and written all throughout the bible. The way that you continue to pursue your people is inspiring to me. Thank you for your grace that extends over all of my mistakes. I am hungry for more of you God. Amen."

KEY TRUTHS

Understanding the ways of God helps us recognize him in our lives in ways we often miss. The way we witness God's presence in the New Testament and today is through signs and wonders. God creates glory by what he does and we bring him glory by sharing testimonies. We shouldn't be surprised if God does something that is new to us. In the midst of however God moves in our lives, He can speak to us.

Let's look at **3 Boat Stories** from the Bible that teach us lessons on faith:

In **Matthew 14** we read the story of Jesus walking on the water. He didn't show up to scare the disciples who were on the boat, he was just so different from them. Jesus's power is so strong and tangible that we can feel it. Those in the boat were afraid so Jesus told them to be calm.

Peter then asked to be invited out on the water and Jesus invited him. We can learn that there are things God has for us and things that he lets us do because we ask. When we ask, God loves to invite us in. When we as believers operate with one foot in the boat and one out on the water, we are making sure we can always pull back out. When we put both feet in the water and step out in faith we can start to see God's miracles. When Peter stepped out on the water it was on the word of Jesus.

In Mark 8 we read the story where Jesus fed the five thousand. Right after, the disciples and Jesus are in a boat and are low on food. Jesus watches our reaction to the miraculous to see if it produces faith. Sometimes we can be oblivious to what God is doing around us or through us. God expects our faith to grow in the presence of the supernatural.

In John 29:1-9 we find the third boat ride. The disciples had fished all night and not caught anything. Jesus told them to throw the net to the other side of the boat and they brought in more fish than they could carry. Peter knows that it must be the Lord so he jumps out of the boat. When God gives us a word of knowledge for someone, he is waiting for us to act on it. God does not get disappointed when we miss it as long as we are trying.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Having faith enough to ask God for something is beautiful and bold. When stepping out of our comfort zone, we can listen and wait for God's invitation or ask him about it.

Reading through the 3 boat stories, what is a practical step from each one that can help you with where you are at with God? Take some time to stir up faith for what you have been believing for by seeing how those in the Bible trusted God.

VERSES

- John 1:11, 29:1-9
- Matthew 14:25
- Mark 8:14-21

DECLARATIONS

"I have been given all of the Holy Spirit that I need when I gave my life to Christ, now I get to walk this journey with the Lord and learn how to use the spirit that is inside of me.

I have spiritual gifts inside of me that I get the rest of my life to learn about and use. I want to see more of God's will in my life."

WHAT'S NEXT?

Now it's time to write down anything the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.



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