



**The Great Adventure –
Learning to Live on a Higher Level of Faith**

**Matthew 14:22-32
- How To Step Out in Faith**

CALCULATED RISK



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22 Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that His disciples get back into the boat and cross to the other side of the lake, while He sent the people home.

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- 23 After sending them home,
He went up into the hills by Himself to pray.
Night fell while He was there alone.
- 24 Meanwhile,
the disciples were in trouble far away from land,
for a strong wind had risen,
and they were fighting heavy waves.

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- 25 About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water.
- 26 When the disciples saw Him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!"

Fear has an amazing capacity
to get our attention.

F E A R

The word "FEAR" is written in large, white, serif capital letters across the middle of the image. The letter 'A' is replaced by a glowing white figure of Jesus walking on water, with his arms outstretched. The background is a dark blue, stormy sea with white-capped waves and a dark, cloudy sky with a bright light source behind the figure.

M A T T H E W 1 4 : 2 2 - 3 3

Proverbs 9:10

10 Fear of the LORD is the foundation of wisdom.
Knowledge of the Holy One
results in good judgment.

A glowing white figure of Jesus, wearing a robe and having his arms outstretched, stands in the middle of a dark blue sea. The word "FEAR" is written in large, white, serif capital letters across the water, with the figure of Jesus positioned between the 'E' and the 'A'. The background is a dark blue sky with some clouds, and the water is dark blue with ripples.

FEAR

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F E A R
M A T T H E W 1 4 : 2 2 - 3 3

Psalm 23:4

4 Even when I walk through the darkest valley,
I will not be afraid, for You are close beside me.
Your rod and Your staff protect and comfort me.

Psalm 85:9

9 Surely His salvation
is near to those who fear Him,
so our land will be filled with His glory.



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Psalm 111:10

10 Fear of the LORD
is the foundation of true wisdom.
All who obey His commandments
will grow in wisdom.

Psalm 27:1

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation—
so why should I be afraid?

F E A R
M A T T H E W 1 4 : 2 2 - 3 3

Psalm 103:11

11 For His unfailing love toward those who fear Him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.

Psalm 33:18

18 But the LORD watches over those who fear Him, those who rely on His unfailing love.



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Revelation 2:10

10 Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer.

The devil will throw some of you into prison to test you. You will suffer for ten days.

But if you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life.

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27 But Jesus spoke to them at once.

“Don’t be afraid,” He said.

“Take courage. I am here!”

28 Then Peter called to Him,

“Lord, if it’s really You,

tell me to come to You,

walking on the water.”

1. Express to God your willingness to take a step.

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29 “Yes, come,” Jesus said.
So Peter went over the side of the boat
and walked on the water toward Jesus.

2. When you get the go-ahead, GO AHEAD.

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30 But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink.
“Save me, Lord!” he shouted.

3. If you start to sink, ask for help.

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31 Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him.
“You have so little faith,” Jesus said.
“Why did you doubt Me?”

**God blessed Peter
because he was willing to take risks.**

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32 When they climbed back into the boat,
the wind stopped. Mt.8:26

33 Then the disciples worshiped Him.
“You really are the Son of God!”
they exclaimed.

Psalm 18:4-6

- 4 The ropes of death entangled me;
floods of destruction swept over me.
- 5 The grave wrapped its ropes around me;
death laid a trap in my path.
- 6 But in my distress I cried out to the LORD;
yes, I prayed to my God for help.

He heard me from His sanctuary;
my cry to Him reached His ears.

A dramatic scene of a person falling overboard from a sailboat. The boat is white with a large white sail visible on the left. The person is in mid-air, falling into the churning, dark blue-green water. The person is wearing a dark jacket and a red and white life vest. The water is splashing around the person, and the overall atmosphere is one of danger and urgency. The text "It is time to Step Out in Faith" is overlaid in white with a black outline at the bottom of the image.

It is time to Step Out in Faith



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