



“Vision Quest—Take a Risk”

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(Jesus) 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. 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!”

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.”

29 “Yes, come,” Jesus said.

So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. “Save me, Lord!” he shouted.

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

32 When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. 33 Then the disciples worshiped him. “You really are the Son of God!” they exclaimed.

– Matthew 14:23b-33

ADVICE FOR TAKING GODLY RISKS

1. Things that _____ some _____ others

The disciples were _____, but Peter saw an _____

Having a vision or dream is a lonely place to be – but when you are moving to where God is it is also thrilling!

2. You have to get out of the _____

Then Peter called to him, “Lord, if it’s really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water.” 29 “Yes, come,” Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus.

3. Don’t get _____ by _____ around you

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4. _____ to the glory of _____

“You really are the Son of God!” they exclaimed.

“When they observed the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed and recognized that they had been with Jesus.” - Acts 4:13

Memory verse: *“But Jesus spoke to them at once. “Don’t be afraid,” he said. “Take courage. I am here!” - Matthew 14:27*

(Answers: Frighten, Enflame, Afraid, Opportunity, Boat, Distracted, Things, Fail, God)

My Next Step Today is...

- Memorize Matthew 14:27
- What is God calling you to do?
- What keeps you from taking the risk for that dream?
- I want to talk to someone about receiving Christ as my Savior.

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