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## Step Out of your boat

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### **Sermon overview:**

**Do not let thunderstorms and crashing waves around you keep you from what God has in store for you. Every day, you are given chances to grow, to connect, and to make a difference. Are you ready to Step out of your boat into something greater?**

**There is a consistent pattern in the Bible to walking with God**

### **Point 1                    There is always a call**

**God calls out to an ordinary person to engage in an act of extraordinary trust, that is, to get out of the boat**

**Matthew 25** Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. **26** When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

**27** But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

**28** “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

29. “Come,” he said.

### **Point 2                    Fear will come**

It’s hard to get out of the boat. Perhaps its fear of the unknown, fear of giving up your security or feeling inadequate. Fear of failure or fear that God is really calling you.

Matthew: 29 Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. **30** But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

### **Point 3    God offers reassurance**

God promises his presence and promises to give you the gifts necessary to fulfil his assignment.

**31** Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

**32** And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. **33** Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

### **Point 4    There is a decision**

Only one disciple made the decision to step out. You can say yes, no or you can stick your head in the sand...but it's still a decision

### **Point 5    There is always a changed life**

Those who say yes do not suddenly become perfect. Peter's life changed as we will when we are obedient and as we grow and walk in his call.