

#### Matthew 14: 24-33

<sup>24</sup> But the boat was already a long distance from the land, battered by the waves; for the wind was contrary. <sup>25</sup> And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." ( IAM is here)

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## Our First step is always the hardest! But Peter Took it!

# Step out of 'the norm' The trap of satan is to measure your faith by what you see, not what you cannot see.

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things.....not seen!" Hebrews 11:1

#### WHY WE STEP OUT

## Because He is worth it

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## Because we are commanded to

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# Because we can only truly worship when we Step out

# BOLDNESS COMES AFTER WESTEP OUT

#### **PETER**

- •Peter Stepped Out At Pentecost (Boldness) Acts 2:14-41
- •Peter Stepped Out At The Resurrection (Faith) John 20
- Stepped Beyond Himself. Acts 3:6 Lame Man was Healed
- Peter Stepped Out Past His Religion & Tradition.
- (Cornelious Vision) Acts 10
- Peter Stepped Out In Humility (Paul Rebuked Him) -
- Galatians 2:11-21
- •Peter Stepped Out In His Last Breaths (Crucified Upside
- Down) Christian Tradition Documented By Origen Of
- Alexandria

#### HOW DO WE STEP OUT?

- •Step out afraid. Trusting He will give us courage on the way. Remember COURAGE is Found. Walk where we cannot survive unless God meets you there. (Peter in the storm.)
- •We step out not knowing the end result, but trusting the character of God
- \*We step out against our natural inclination
- \*We step out in obedience
- \*We step out with our eyes fixed on Jesus

#### WHAT KEEPS US FROM STEPPING OUT

#### Fear

He won't provide
It will be too uncomfortable
I'm not strong enough to handle what's coming
What if I sink

#### **Uncertainty**

What if I mess it up ( do it wrong)

What if I can't do it

What if I fail

What if ppl reject me

#### Lies from the past

I'm not good enough
I'm not bold enough
I'm too poor
I'm too damaged
I'm not useable

#### **Voices of Unbelief**

God won't provide if I step out God only use 'other' people

#### **Apathy**

I'm not motivated- Lazy
I'm too busy

#### Self righteousness / Religion

God may not be calling me. I'm called where I am. I can't love what God is calling me to do.

### INVITATION

### what is your boat?