





COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: Turbulence in my life is a normal part of following Jesus.

HEAD CHANGE: Turbulence doesn't scare Jesus away; it draws him near.

HEART CHANGE: Following Jesus means getting out of my "boat," sometimes right in the middle of a storm.

LIFE CHANGE: I will follow Jesus regardless of the circumstances around me.

OVERVIEW

The Limit of Powerlessness, the Gift of Turbulence

Following Jesus sounds great in theory, but obedience is scary. We only discover how we're going to do what Jesus calls us to do after stepping out in obedience. That seems backwards. But when we focus on Jesus – the one calling us to obey – it gets easier because we learn to take comfort in Him.

"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus."

-Matthew 14:28-29 (NIV)-

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Looking back at your life, are you a risk-taker or do you tend to seek security? How do you think that has shaped the direction of your life?
2. Read Matthew 14:25–31. If you were in the same situation, do you think you'd be out on the water with Peter or in the boat with the other eleven disciples? Explain.
3. What is the one area of life that you know taking a step of faith in would be terrifying and only Jesus could save you? What can you do to take a step of faith in that area? How can your friends or group support you?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Father, we can't do any of this without You. Thank You for revealing the finished work of Jesus to us. May we live with a greater understanding of your grace and approval on our lives because of what Jesus has done. If there are any areas of our lives that are captured by pride, reveal that to me now, I repent and ask for your humility to walk with you and obey you in response to your love and grace toward me. In Jesus' name, amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!