



Cell Notes

Be a risk taker!

Matthew 14:22-33, Matthew 25:14-30

Peter took a risk in getting out of the boat. He didn't ask for a promise (like 'Lord, promise me I won't sink'). He asked for a command – and he obeyed. It might look like he failed (because he took his eyes off Jesus and began to sink) but he was the only one of the disciples who walked on water! Which pleased Jesus more – Peter getting out of the boat or the rest of the disciples watching safely from a distance?

We are all entrusted with the gift of our lives – what will we do with it? Keep it 'safe' or risk using it for God? Stay where it's comfortable or get out of the boat where Jesus is passing by? Maybe we are too comfortable. Our faith will never grow unless it is stretched and fullness of life is all about being where Jesus is. The parable of the talents reminds us that fear is usually the thing that stops us risking something (the man with one talent buried it). What are we afraid of?

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'Be a Risk Taker'

Some questions to inspire and challenge: Where are you in relation to Jesus these days?

- Huddled in the boat with a life jacket and the seat belt on
- One leg in the boat and one leg out
- Walking on the water - and loving it
- Out of the boat – but the wind looks pretty bad

What's your boat? Where is fear or comfort keeping you from trusting God?

What's one risk you could take in your life that would help your faith to grow?

- Speak out about your faith
- Do what you know God is calling you to do
- Challenge or sort a difficult relationship
- Let go of trying to control something
- Give generously and trust God for the rest