Peter's Daring Ask: The Ask that Made him Walk on Water

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WORSHIP (15 MINUTES)

Play worship music to create an atmosphere of worship and help everyone prepare their hearts. If the venue is public, invite everyone to share the highs and lows of their week to build connection and fellowship.

WELCOME (10 MINUTES)

Welcome guests and first-time visitors warmly. Start with a simple icebreaker question to help everyone get acquainted, create a comfortable atmosphere, and encourage guests to feel included.

ICEBREAKER QUESTION

If you were stuck in a literal storm out on a boat with a group of friends, what role would you play (the panicker, the row-harder worker, the napper, or the organizer)?"

WORD (30-45 MINUTES)

Main Text: Read **Matthew 14:22-33 (NLT)**

Intro: After Jesus miraculously fed more than 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish, He instructed His disciples to cross the lake while He went up the mountain to pray. As they crossed, a strong storm arose, and they struggled against the wind and waves.

Jesus knew where He was sending them and was not surprised by what they encountered. He used the moment to reveal more of who He was and deepen their faith. The One who had authority over sickness, scarcity, and hunger was also Lord over the wind and the sea. While the disciples were afraid, Peter dared to respond in faith and made an unusual request to Jesus and this resulted in hi experiencing the miraculous:

1. Peter asked the Lord to call him out. (Read Matthew 14:28)
Peter asked Jesus to enable him to do what was naturally impossible. He knew he could not walk on water by his own ability and that he needed a word from Jesus. When Jesus said, "Yes, come," Peter stepped out of the boat. The miracle happened through Jesus' command and Peter's obedience. He did not merely pray about doing the impossible but he also acted on the word Jesus gave him and that is obedience.

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Q: Why is it important to seek God's direction rather than simply act on what we want to do?
Q: What is the difference between praying in faith and taking a step of obedience?

2. Peter specifically asked Jesus to make him walk on water. (Read Matthew 14:28–29)

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3. Peter cried out for help when he began to sink. (Read Matthew 14:30-31)
Peter initially walked toward Jesus, but when he noticed the strong wind and waves, fear took over and he began to sink. His attention shifted from Jesus to the storm around him. Yet, when Peter began to sink, he cried out, "Save me, Lord!" Jesus immediately reached out and caught him.

Peter's experience reminds us that even when our faith wavers because of difficult situations in our lives, Jesus does not abandon us. We may become afraid, lose focus, or make mistakes, but when we cry out to Him, He draws near and is able to help us.

Q: What are some things that can cause us to lose focus on Jesus when facing life's storms?
Q: How does Peter's experience encourage us when our faith wavers or we feel overwhelmed?

Conclusion
Mark Batterson wrote, "Prayer is the difference between the best you can do, and the best God can do." Peter's story shows this beautifully. He stepped out in faith, experienced the miraculous and even when distracted by the storm, felt the saving hand of Jesus. Christ didn't come merely to make our lives comfortable. He came to save us from sin, transform us into His likeness, and call us into a life of full dependence on Him.

This week, step out of your comfort zone, pray daring prayers, and trust God beyond your own abilities. When Jesus says, "Yes, come," take that step of obedience and experience the water-walking life with Him.

WORK (15 MINUTES)

Application
1. Find a partner. Ask what you can pray for him/her then pray for each other.
2. Pray and prepare a Hit List (max. of 5-10 names of family, relatives, friends, schoolmates, workmates, neighbors, etc.) of possible people you desire to invite in the next life group gathering.

What is your take-away from this lesson? Closing Prayer