



STAND-ALONE

MESSAGE

Courageous Faith

God calls Ordinary People to do Extraordinary things. In Matthew 14:22, we encounter the incredible story of Peter demonstrating courageous faith – he trusted in Jesus and climbed out of a boat to walk on water. His faith was not only demonstrated to Jesus but to the onlookers watching him from the boat (and all of us today)! But, even with his courageous faith, Peter takes his focus off of Jesus and lets the storm consume him. His loss of focus causes him to sink. Thankfully, he has the wherewithal to cry out to Jesus for help. As believers, God calls us to have a courageous faith – to “step out of the boat” (our comfort zone) and focus on Him. But, take note that even the most courageous believers take their focus off of God and become consumed with the “storms” in our life. We aim to keep our focus on God and call out to Jesus in any circumstance.

Discussion Questions:

1. Describe a time when you felt courageous faith and were “walking on water” with Jesus.
2. As a follower of Jesus, what practical ways can you demonstrate courageous faith to others?
3. Describe a time when you took your focus off of Jesus and began to “sink.” How did you overcome this “storm”?
4. Courageous faith isn’t something that happens overnight. What are some practical ways you can build courageous faith?
5. Think about the gifts and talents God has given you. How can you use those gifts and talents to lead others toward Jesus?