

# Scary Faith Week 4 Wind and Waves

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## Consider this:

It's a misconception that following Jesus is a life of comfort with no storms or trials and that if you are experiencing these things then you must not be doing what God wants you to do. Actually, the exact opposite is true! Leading a comfortable life "in the boat" is not the life Jesus is calling us to. A life full of steps that depend on Him rather than our own abilities, knowledge, and strength is the life of Scary Faith. And, that's the kind of life that opens the door for us to experience Him moving in supernatural ways on our behalf.

## Remember this:

**Your faith won't grow without resistance.**

**Expect resistance when you take a step.**

## Key Scriptures:

***Matthew 14:22-33, Matthew 8:23-27, James 1:2-4, 1 Corinthians 16:6-9***

## Start the conversation:

- What are your thoughts about God testing our faith? What kind of a test is it-pass/fail? 0-100%? A-F? Or something else?

## Dive into discussion:

- Think of someone you know who is full of faith. How would you describe them? What storms have they been through that has built their faith? What storms have you been through that have built your faith?
- Describe a time you sensed God speaking to you. How did you decide it was His voice? How did you respond?
- Have you experienced God moving in a supernatural way? Would you like to experience it? What will you do to put yourself in position to see him move in that way?
- **Expect resistance when you take a step.** How have you experienced this? When you first became a Christ follower how did you react to the first time you encountered opposition from the enemy? How do you respond now? Why is being in community important when you are facing this opposition?

## Dig Deeper:

- **Read Matthew 14:22-33** Put yourself in the story. Do you tend to want to stay in the boat? Jesus didn't reassure Peter that he would be all right walking on the water, Jesus only said "Come". What makes you hesitate when Jesus says "Come" to you? What "what ifs" do you struggle with?
- What is God stirring in you, the spark? What small step are you going to take? What will you do when you encounter resistance?

## Pray together:

Resistance will come when you take a step. Pray for each other about your next step if you don't know what it is. And pray for those who are experiencing resistance and storms.

## Keep growing:

- **Do a YouVersion plan together about the Listening Side or Prayer:** <https://my.bible.com/reading-plans/29130-the-listening-side-of-prayer>
- Express your love for your church family this week. Reach out to someone you serve with, your circle, the pastors and staff. Send them a text, a note in the mail. We are family!
- When you serve, you will grow! Attend Welcome to the X on the first Sunday of the month at 11:15am to learn how to get involved!

