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Branded or labeled

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# Step out of the boat again!

Ask God for fresh faith in this new season. God likes to be out of the boat. It is all about stepping in faith. You’re hungry for Jesus and taking risks. Don’t stop taking risks! What was once risk is now comfortable, but God is asking you to step out of the boat again!

Put yourself in a position where you have to trust God all over again, where He has to show up and take you by the hand. He has put good stuff in you because He wants to do great stuff with you!

# Christ in you, the hope of Glory

Colossians 1:26-27 (ESV) the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them, God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Not just hope, although hope by itself is powerful. It is a particular type of hope. Christ in you, the hope of glory! Not just tomorrow is a better day, but that you will be a revealer of a Glory realm!

God is pregnant with a plan, with purpose! He has this mystery that He has been holding on to. Anyone not good with surprises? Have you been branded or have you been labeled? God is burning with something!

Branded will always be with you and stay on while in the fire. The label will come off very quickly!

God doesn't need experts, He needs people who just will say yes to Him!

# Immediately out of comfort

Matthew 14:22 (ESV) Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

God says go into the boat! See where it is risky! Step into the unknown, the great need, but trust that He will show up and do something that goes beyond what I can do!

Matthew 14:23-25 (ESV) And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them.

Some translations say when the boat is far off. There will be moments where you feel like God is far away. I sure feel like I am alone in this boat right now!

Matthew 14:25-26 (ESV) And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear.

God works in mysterious ways, even the solution will sometimes look scary! Jesus, what does fresh faith look like? Ah, it looks like this, wait a minute that is scary!

Matthew 14:27-29 (ESV) But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." And Peter answered him, "Lord if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat

Jesus puts them into the boat, in the storm. They don't recognize the solution and they get even more scared. Then Peter says come out of the boat, Jesus says no I will come to you, my job is to make you comfortable! I realize there is a storm, no need to come to me. Let me cuddle you and make you comfortable. This boat your comfort zone? Jesus responds to Peter’s boldness and says: “come”

Matthew 14:29-33 (ESV) So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” Jesus **immediately** reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

When we actually need Him, not when He sends us out of the boat. No, He comes when we step out of the boat! Immediately Jesus grabs out to His hand. Oh, you of little faith, why did you doubt? Could be viewed as a rebuke, but I also think it is an encouragement. He is not saying you should never have come out the boat! No, He says you had it going on! Actually encouraging Peter, next time you step out of the boat you will go even further!

Sometimes we have big boats, sometimes little boats. Let Him push you out!

God is still showing up, even though I am not in a season of doing more crusades in this time and day I am changing diapers! But God is still working His plan, people are still getting healed. He is still moving, it just looks different than what I thought it looked like.