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## COME OUT OF THE BOAT

### SERMON SCRIPTURES

Matthew 14:22-23

Matthew 7:7

1 John 1:7

John 14:21

Hebrews 5:11-14

Psalms 1:1-3

Romans 4:17-25

Deuteronomy 28:1-14

God is calling us to come out of the boat. Some might question, what does this mean? The *boat* symbolizes a place in our lives we consider comfortable, familiar, and convenient.

It's going to take having Faith in Christ, and what He has accomplished on the Cross to come out of our comfortable places.

God has given everyone a measure

of faith. He is calling each of us to trust in Him more, and to stop questioning unanswered prayers, His Word, and His plans for our lives.

Although the answer in which we seek may not come immediately, we should seek to know His reason why (see Matthew 7:7.)

In comparison, the parable of the Disciples caught in the storm at sea. When Jesus gave the Disciples instructions to get into a ship and travel to the other side (back to Capernaum), the Disciples didn't know why nor what was ahead.

When evening came, the ship was caught in a bad storm. They were tossed with waves, strong winds, turbulence, and difficulties (concerns not only the sea of Galilee, but as well as the sea of life.) The Holy Spirit revealed to Jesus that the Disciples were in trouble.

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Walking on the sea (even though the waters were very turbulent), where He walked it became calm; and when the Disciples saw Jesus walking

on the sea they were troubled and afraid, saying to themselves it must be a spirit.

They did not believe that it was Jesus and they thought they were about to die. But Jesus spoke to them once they saw Him and assured them that it was Him and to not be afraid. Likewise, we are to face adverse circumstances with cheer, believing that Jesus will handle our situation. We must not let circumstances bring about doubt.

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When Jesus said “Come”, He spoke with power and authority. All of the Disciples didn’t come (except one) because they were afraid to come out of the boat.

When Peter got out of the boat and walked towards Him, he was on the right path, his focus was on Jesus. However, by hearing the loud and stormy winds around him, it scared him. Distracted by the winds, he wasn’t focused on Jesus anymore.

When he started sinking, he cried out for Jesus to save him and immediately Jesus did. Afterward, Jesus rebuked him for having little faith saying “O ye of little faith, wherefore did you doubt?” As the other Disciples sat in the boat, they were bystanders, afraid to come of their comfortable places (the boat). One could imagine their reactions and responses as they saw Peter walking on water.

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How does a boat compare to what we’re going through? At some point in our lives we’ve been afraid, had little faith, and doubt. God assures us in 1 John 1:9, if we confess our sins

(doubt, little faith, etc.) He promises forgiveness and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

God is able to quicken what’s dead (to make spiritually alive), and call those things that are not as though they were (see Romans 4:17). He wants us to be mature (spiritually)! Not being like those in Hebrews Chapter 5, who were dull of hearing, not able to understand strong meat of the Word (The Message of the Cross), therefore having need of milk (see Hebrews 5:11-14.)

Periodically we should examine our hearts to find out if and where any blockage may be. Blockage can be anything that is causing you to be dull of hearing, dull in the Spirit, not being able to grasp the strong meat of the Word, etc. The moment that we start this and put Jesus first, this is the same as us choosing to come out of the boat.

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Whenever God reveals to us the areas that we need to grow, we should deal with it through the Cross (see Colossians 2:14-15). By Faith, the work is finished.

## YOUR PRAYER TO GOD

*By the Grace of God, I choose to come out of the comfortable and convenient places in my life, and by faith trust in God and in His plans for my life.*

*In Jesus name. Amen.*