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WATER WALKERS

LESSON 3

TITLE: FIND YOUR CALLING AND GET YOUR FEET WET.

In the story that we've been studying about Peter and him stepping out of the boat, he asked Jesus to do two things.

- #1) Confirm his identity.
- #2) Command him to walk.

Despite his impulsive behavior in the past, Peter knew the difference between being foolish and taking a step of faith, so he wanted assurance that he was about to do something to which Jesus was doing the calling.

In this lesson, today will look into water walking and discover how it relates to God's call.

Jesus talks to people like you and me that you are the salt of the earth, and you are the light of the world. You are on a mission from God.

The reality of it is that either you are on a mission from God with your life, or it's not true.

In this session, we're going to talk about how you know your mission from God is?

How do you know if what you have is a mission from God, or is it just pure foolishness?

Let's go back to Peter walking on water.

After Peter sees Jesus on the water, he says to him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

This isn't just Peter who's looking for some thrill-seeking adventure; instead, this is a disciple of God asking him, Lord, tell me what you want me to do, and then I'll do it.

There are a couple of things for the people that need to be water walkers.

#1, when God speaks, you must be ruthless about saying, OK, God, I'll obey.

We all tend to have a spiritual comfort zone, and a fundamental principle from scripture is what might be called the first step principle.

#2, God will enable you to do things you can do, but you have to start by stepping out in faith.

God tells the Israelites that he's going to make way for them to cross the Jordan River, but the priest at the front of the line had to step in the river first.

When they took the first step, and the priest's toes touch the water, God made a way. But the priest had to take the first step for the miracle to happen.

Here's how God generally grows faith, but people usually beat themselves up because they feel like they don't have enough faith.

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Here's the way faith develops. Never say to yourself.

"I got to have more faith. instead, just try to get to know God better because the more you get to know God, the more faith you have."

Every time you take a little step, you get out of your spiritual comfort zone, your faith increases.

You take another step, and your faith gets a little bigger, and another step and it gets a little bigger eventually; you find yourself trusting God on a whole lot more than you do right now.

But it's only as you get to know Him.

And the only way to get to know God is by getting out of the boat.

So that brings me to this big question.

How do I know what God is calling me to do or what is pure foolishness?

What I need to understand is, is that God calling me?

Then I have to understand a few things.

#1) What gifts and talents has He given me and what are my limitations?

For most people, it's much easier to think about their gifts rather than how they are limited.

#2) Another way to know what God has called you to do is to get feedback from a community of people that know you and love you.

In the quaker community, this is called a clearness committee.

In other words, when I'm not clear what to do, I run it past the community of people that care and love me and allow them to ask me questions.

It helps me find the answer to when and where Jesus is calling me to get out of the boat.

#3) Another key in discerning where God is calling me is to ask yourself this question, do I have a genuine passion for this.

We are all passionate about different things in life.

-Frederich Blechner

"Your calling is where your deep gladness meets the world's deep need."

The last step in the equation to answering the question, when and where is Jesus calling me to get out of the boat, is... PRAYER.