

Dear Younger Me...



LIFE LESSONS LIVED

Sermon #1 – Don't Miss This Moment

Matthew 14:22-33

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Discuss Sermon

There is something inside us that tells us there is more to life than sitting in the boat. You were made for something more.... There is something inside you that wants to walk on the water – to leave the comfort of routine existence and abandon yourself to the high adventure of following God. – John Ortberg

Storms are inevitable. In nature, powerful tempests leave a changed landscape behind them. Similarly, challenging circumstances can alter the direction of our life. God uses all different ways to train and equip us, because He wants us to become strong, vital servants of the Lord Jesus Christ. Instead of keeping our heads bent low against the struggles of life, let's look up to the Lord and seek His purposes in our challenges and trust Him in the midst of the storm.

- What does it mean to trust the Lord enough to “Get out of the Boat” and simply obey the calling He is giving you?
- What role does fear play in keeping you from “Getting Out of the Boat” and pursuing the calling of the Lord?

Exchange Views

Sometimes, the littlest things can have the most lasting impact. That's why we should never underestimate the importance of small acts of obedience. They may seem insignificant to us, but they are often the first step toward our destiny. The Lord has a plan for each believer's life and a method by which He brings it to fruition. Peter's experience with Jesus is a wonderful example of how tiny steps of faith can lead to a big calling.

You know, your life really isn't that different from Peter's. Jesus is still calling people to obey His simple promptings. Sure, His requests may be inconvenient or unexpected, but do you really want to forfeit what's on the other side of a small act of obedience? When Peter let Jesus use his boat, he opened the door for the Lord to use his entire life.

Psalm 90:12 – So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

- What principle does the Psalmist teach modern day Christians in this text?
- If you could give this same advice to one other person, who would you give it to?

Examine Text – Matthew 14:22-33

Read the main text from the sermon and reflect on the key words, phrases, and lessons that God is teaching us.

- What are the key lessons that you learn from this text?
- What do you learn about principles of faithfulness in these verses?

Personalize Truth

Today's message taught us several important lessons regarding "Not Missing the God Moments" in life. Review the lessons below and ask yourself how they apply to your life.

How can you be more prepared for those God Moment's in life?

- **Lesson #1 – Grit**
- **Lesson #2 – Fearlessness**
- **Lesson #3 – Faithfulness**

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