

THE GREATNESS IN YOU

“The First Step”

²² Immediately Jesus **made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side**, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, **buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.** ²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, **they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,”** they said, and cried out in fear. **Matthew 14:22-26 (NIV)**

THE PROMISES OF GOD ARE GREATER THAN OUR FEARS

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” ²⁸ **“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”** ²⁹ **“Come,” he said.** Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. **Matthew 14:27-29 (NIV)**

As the night was ending, he came to them walking on the sea, for he wanted to **pass by** them. **Mark 6:48b (NET)**

A STEP OF FAITH ALWAYS HAS AN ELEMENT OF RISK

³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?” ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.” **Matthew 14:30-33 (NIV)**

Trust in the Lord with **all your heart**; do not depend on **your own understanding**. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. **Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)**

PETER WAS THE ONLY ONE WITH A GREAT STORY