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Sometimes we face trials of our faith.

They may be storms of adversity, and storms of fear.

They may be circumstances that challenge our frail bodies.

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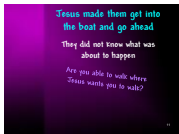
His steps are always righteous.

His steps never waver or fail.

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This challenge is seen when Jesus told His disciples to cross over the Sea of Galilee.

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Mark tells us they had been ministering to the multitudes.

Thousands had been fed a miracle meal.

Jesus had taken two fish and five loaves of bread and fed 5,000 men.

Then Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd.

They probably did not want to go off and leave him.

Jesus made them get into the boat and go ahead.

It was apparent that His intention was to join them in Bethsaida.

Most of the time, we walk without a complete understanding of God's plan.

His Disciples when down into the boat and started across the lake.

They did not know what was about to happen.

Is it easier knowing or not knowing what you are about to face?

When they started out in obedience to Jesus, the sun was shining.

They were going in obedience to the Lord.

After they got out on the lake, the sun went down, and the wind picked up.

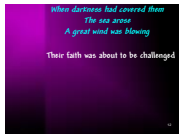
What appeared to be an easy trip began to be a challenge.

Many of us have started out strong, and then circumstances changed.

As things changed, we did not know what to do.

Are you able to walk where Jesus wants you to walk?

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When darkness had covered them, the sea arose and a great wind was blowing.

Most of us have experienced dark times.

We know the challenge of storms.

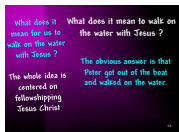
Have you ever known that something was coming but you did not know what it was?

Their faith was about to be challenged!

When you know difficulty, loss, trouble, or death is coming, you have time to prepare.

Do you know that even when you are warned, you are not always prepared for what can happen?

#13



***What does it mean to walk on the water with Jesus?
The obvious answer is that Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water.***

The challenge was great.

No one had done that before.

He exercised great faith.

No one else was considering doing what Peter did.

Once we get over the obvious answer, what does it mean for us to walk on the water with Jesus?

The whole idea is centered on fellowshipping Jesus Christ, God's Son.

The Bible is full of expressions of His infinite deity.

Jesus the Christ is indeed the Son of God.

The Disciples felt they were able to walk where He walked.

Jesus had called them away from their normal routine.

They were walking in His fellowship.

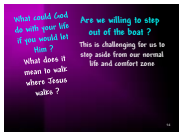
Water walking brings a deeper connection with God.

Water walking demonstrates true commitment and trust.

Water walking is part of discovering and obeying your calling.

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***Are you willing to step out of the boat?***

What does it mean to walk where Jesus walks?

Are we able to do it?

Are we willing to step out of the boat?

This is challenging for us to step aside from our normal life and comfort zone.

To walk in the fellowship of Jesus Christ the Son of God requires us to take up different characteristics and attributes of life.

He says: "Be holy as I am holy."

He says: "Walk in love."

He says: "Walk in faith."

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.

What could God do with your life if you would let Him?

Financially, what could He do?

What could He do with your relationships?

What could He do with your character?

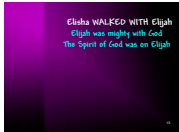
What could He do with your temptations?

What could He do with your development?

What does it mean to walk where Jesus walks?

There are levels of achievement that we have not attained.

#15



This is our only chance.
As long as we are living, it is not too late.

What does it mean to step out of the boat with Jesus?
Elisha WALKED WITH Elijah

Walking in the fellowship of Jesus reminds me of Elisha walking with Elijah. 1 Kings 19:19-21

Elijah was mighty with God.

He was the man of God.

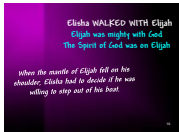
The Spirit of God was heavy on his life.

It was time for Elijah to appoint his successor.

God told him to go and anoint Elisha to serve in his place.

Elijah came and put his mantle on Elisha's shoulder.

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When the mantle of Elijah fell on his shoulder, Elisha had to decide if he was willing to step out of his boat.

Elisha knew that if he was going to receive that thing, he would have to turn from the life he knew.

This would require leaving everything that was common and familiar.

Elisha was going to have to step out of his boat.

He willingly burned his plows and offered a sacrifice of his oxen.

He took the mantle and ran after the prophet Elijah.

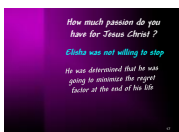
He walked where Elijah walked.

He did what Elijah did.

He ate where Elijah ate.

He was committed to Elijah.

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Are we able to do it?

How much passion do you have for Jesus Christ?

Are you still pursuing Him?

Are you still growing?

Elisha was not willing to stop.

Elisha followed Elijah through difficult seasons.

He was determined that he was going to minimize the regret factor at the end of his life.

After all of that time, Elisha finally came to the place in life where he realized the fruit of his commitment.

When Elijah went across that final river, Elisha was with him. 2 Kings 2

He wanted a double portion of the Spirit that was on Elijah.

He was not going to give up or back down.

It was the chance of a lifetime.

He would never walk this way again.

What would have happened if Peter would have ignored Jesus walking on the water?

It would have been no different for Elisha.

If Elijah threw his mantle on Elijah, and he would have said, thanks for the new coat.

Nice to see you.

Have a good day?

I have to get back to work now.

When we discern the call, we must respond.

God is faithful who has called you into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

What will you do today?

What is your response to His call?

We need to take this call seriously.

Eternity is ahead.

The riches of the glory of Christ are before us.

#18

