

For Your Week

What is one bold step of faith you sense God asking you to take?

Are you willing to obey, or do you need extra courage from Jesus?

What bold steps of faith might God be asking you to take at your school? with your family? with your friends? What will it take for you to obey?

On a piece of paper or on your handout, make a list of things that you would like to see God do in your life and in other people's lives in the next few months.

Keep this list and begin praying for it. Ask God to use you to make these things happen.

When you see changes or answers, write them on your list.

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Series: **Breakthrough**

The Pronouncement of Breakthrough

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Matthew 14:22 - 33

Jesus sends us out where **faith is needed.**

Ex 3:10 Acts 3:6

Express to God your willingness to take a **step.**

Matt 8:5-10

Respond to The Lord's Voice

John 10:27 James 2:18

Obstructions will come.

James 1:3

Jesus will help you.

Ps 138:7 Lu 22:31-32 Isa 43:2

Share a time when you did something that was ay out of your comfort zone. What were your fears that almost kept you from the experience? What transpired in your life as a result of stepping out in faith?

Read Hebrews 11:1

How would you explain that verse in your own words?

What are the difficulties that get in our way of living that verse?

When it comes to living by faith, we must wrestle with distraction and doubt.

We live in a world of distractions. So many things are calling for our attention at any one moment: our children's activities, the television, the phone, the computer, the news, the stock market roller coaster, family obligations, church activities, our jobs, etc. It's really tough to stay focused on the things that matter today.

Read the section of scripture that Pastor Rick preached from this morning.

Matthew 14:22 - 33

This is an incredible story! Peter was the only disciple ever to walk on water.

How would you describe yourself when it comes to getting out of the boat?

Are you a Peter, or are you another disciple? Explain your response.

Peter obviously had enough faith to walk on water. He was winning. He was doing something supernatural, but then he started to sink.

What things caused Peter to sink?

Someone once said that if we are born again, then we are natural human beings having supernatural experiences.

Share with your group about the specific things that seems to keep you from following through with living life as a supernatural follower of Jesus?

In our Breakthrough Initiative, what are some things that might keep people from "walking on the water" and what can be done to help them break through?

According to Jesus, in Matthew 14:31 why did Peter sink?

There are only eight instances of the word doubt in the New Testament, but five of those are in regards to faith. Doubt keep us from seeing the results of faith, and many times fear is the driving force behind doubt.

In the Bible we find 366 commands from God not to be afraid. These are not empty, wishful thinking commands; they are backed by the power, character and love of God. What do the following verses reveal about choosing to trust God rather than the challenges we face?

- Psalm 23:4

- Psalm 27:1

- Isaiah 43:1-4

- Hebrews 13:5-6

What are some steps we can take for the next two years that will help us live as people of faith in regards to the breakthrough campaign?

What can we do to keep our eyes on Jesus?