



Both our morning and evening series in March 2025 focus on Jesus and the life of a disciple. These 3 studies follow the morning 'Adventurous faith' series thinking about the moments where we have to dare to trust him and take a risk. This first session follows Geoff's sermon on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, exploring Jesus and Peter walking on water from Matthew's gospel.

**STARTER:**

- 1) Where have you seen God's fingerprints in your life this week?
- 2) What's your attitude to risk like? How does your personality affect the way you view risk?

**Read Matthew 14:22-33**

- 3) Verse 24 – Can you think of a time when it felt like the wind was against you? Where was Jesus in that experience? Were you conscious of him walking towards you or not?
- 4) Verses 25-28 – Who do you most identify with in these verses?
- 5) Why do you think Peter reacted as he did?
- 6) Do you see what happened next as failure or success for Peter? Why?
- 7) What might getting out of the boat represent for you at the moment?
- 8) Are there things you find it easier or harder to trust God for? What are they?
- 9) How does Peter's experience of sinking and being caught by Jesus encourage you ( verses 30 – 31)
- 10) Geoff said in his sermon, "*Our Christian lives can be wasted waiting for a clarity of view that never comes. Sometimes we have to face our fears, embrace the adventure, and take the plunge.*"  
What do you make of this? Does it ring true for you or challenge you in any way?
- 11) What helped Peter get out of the boat? What would most help you this week?

**Final Prayers**

- Is there anything that today's study has thrown up that you need to pray into?
- Are there any other things for which people would like prayer?
- Lift one another up to God for the week ahead.