

Discovering a God-Sized Life Series

Matthew 14:22-33

"Will You Risk It?"

To Live a God-sized Life:

Foundation: Prayer

Step 1: Hear Jesus say, "Take Courage."

Step 2: Dare to ask, "Tell me to come."

Step 3: Hear Jesus say, "Come"

Step 4 is to _____

1. It takes _____
_____ *what* you believe
2. It takes _____
_____ *who* you believe in
 - a. _____
"The word of God is living and active" Hebrews 4:12
 - b. _____ the presence of God
"Pray without ceasing." I Thessalonians 5:17
 - c. _____ with others
"But encourage one another daily...so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness." Hebrews 3:13

Are you ready to take a risk?

Daily Growth

Use these 4C questions below to help you study each day's scripture.

CELEBRATE: What can you praise God for from this passage?

CONFESS: Are you convicted of something you need to confess to God?

COMMIT: What commitment does this passage challenge you to make?

COMMUNICATE: What did you learn that you can share with someone?

- Day 1: Read Isaiah 6:1-8. What is Isaiah being called to do? How does he initially respond? What would your response have been if you had been in that position? What gave Isaiah courage? How might this apply to you? What is God saying to you?
- Day 2: Read Exodus 3. What is Moses' initial reaction to God's call? Why? If you were Moses, would God's call seem sensible? What was the result of Moses answering God's call? Could he have imagined such a thing before he began? What is God saying to you (use the "4 C" questions)?
- Day 3: Read 1 Samuel 17:20-50. This call is not a direct message from God. David discerns what action he is being called to take rather than receiving a direct message. What does David discern needs to be done and why? Does the action David discerns make much sense? What gives David courage? What is God saying to you (use the "4 C" questions)?
- Day 4: Read Deuteronomy 1:19-36. The background of this passage is the failure of the Israelites to answer God's call to claim the Promised Land. What were their reasons? Were they good reasons? Would it have been a risk to answer the call? What was the result?
- Day 5: Read Matthew 19:16-30. This is a cautionary tale of someone who hesitated to respond to Jesus' call. What was the man's initial feeling about Jesus? What was His final response? Could he have known what would happen if he answered Jesus' call to "come"? What held him back? Is there anything that is holding you back? What is God saying to you (use the "4 C" questions)?
- Day 6: Read Matthew 6:25-34. Why does Jesus say they have little faith? What is the result of their little faith? What worries you the most? Is it keeping you from risking it and stepping out in faith to God's call? What is God saying to you?