

# Discovering a God-Sized Life Series

Matthew 14:22-33

## *Failing Forward*

### 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:** Risk stepping out in faith

### Distractions that break focus

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### When things go wrong...

**Step 5:** Trust \_\_\_\_\_ "Lord, save me!"

**Peter messes up but he doesn't** \_\_\_\_\_

*"There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."*

*Ro. 8:1*

### Instead, Peter is...

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

*"You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"*

**Who failed?** Those who \_\_\_\_\_

### We can count on God's grace!

- When we can trust God's grace we can...

\_\_\_\_\_

- Your failure doesn't change God's grace.

God's grace changes \_\_\_\_\_

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- Day 2: Read 1 Timothy 1:12-17. How does Paul describe himself? Why is Paul grateful? What do you learn about God's grace? What does Paul say is the result of grace even for the "worst of sinners"? What is God saying to you (use the "4 C" questions)?
- Day 3: Read Psalm 51. How does David describe himself? What is David revealing about what he believes about God? What is David asking for? What does David say he will do as a result? How does this relate to your own life? How would you pray this as your own prayer? What is God saying to you?
- Day 4: Read Ephesians 2:1-10. How are we described before we are saved? Do you truly understand how desperate your situation was without Jesus? How is God's grace described? How do we receive God's grace? What are the amazing results of God's grace? Can you ever fail so badly that you cannot be restored and valued? What is God saying to you?
- Day 5: Read Hebrews 14-16. What does this say about Jesus and about how he relates to us? What does this say about grace? What can we do as a result of this grace? What is God saying to you?
- Day 6: Read 1 John 1:5-2:2. What does this passage say about God, our relationship with God and God's grace? What can we do to access this grace? What will we experience in our lives as a result of our confession and God's grace?