

Food for Thought for the week of June 21/22, 2025

James 2:14-22, Genesis 22:3-14, Philippians 2:13

Saying yes to God can be one of the hardest things you will ever do. As Pastor Brenna shared with us this weekend, saying yes oftentimes means heading "into the unknown" and it frequently involves sacrifice. But, saying yes always comes with blessing. Let's look at the story of a man who said yes in Matthew 14:22-26

1. What is happening as this story begins?
2. Keep reading Matthew 14:27-29. Peter is brave! Jesus invites Peter to do something crazy: go out in the lake in the middle of the night and meet Him. Has Jesus ever invited you to do something that felt like this? If so, what was it?
3. How did you respond to Jesus' invitation, and what were the results?
4. You might be familiar with this story, but let's keep reading Matthew 14:30. What had Peter experienced up to this point?

5. What is Peter experiencing now? What is Peter's main problem?

6. Let's finish this account with Matthew 14:31-33. What did Jesus do when Peter started sinking?

7. Jesus invited Peter to do something amazing - walk on water! Although Peter was brave enough to step out of the boat, there was a moment he began to doubt he could really do what Jesus had invited him to do. How can you relate to Peter in this part of the story? Has there been a time you started moving with God and then something around you made you doubt? What happened?

8. Take a few minutes to pray and ask God if there is anything He is inviting you to be a part of? As Brenna shared, it could be praying for someone, giving to help someone in need, walking in obedience to God's Word, serving someone around you, etc. Ask Him, "Lord, what would You have me do today? Give me the strength and the faith to walk with You in this."

When you do what He shows you...come back and write down how you got to "walk on water" with Jesus.