

THE

CHRISTIAN

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God's Love



St Marks Bible Education

Stepping Out in Faith

Week 06

INTRODUCTION

On TV everything always seems to work out, this is not a true reflection of life.

In life we face so many challenges, school, family, friends and _____.

I consider the sufferings of this time not worthy to be compared to the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Romans 8:18

God never promised it would be easy, but he did promise when we have _____ in Him all things will work out.

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

MESSAGE

What does it mean to have faith? (Hebrews 11:1; Romans 10:17)

Faith makes us sure of what we hope for and gives us proof of what we cannot see.

Hebrews 11:1

_____ steps out in faith (Matthew 14:22-33)

How is this story relevant to us today and what does it teach us about stepping forward in faith?

The _____ are in a boat in the middle of a lake. Sometimes in a crisis we can feel isolated, _____ and even be afraid. There is no one out there, no one understands our fear, we even feel God doesn't care. Around us is water, vast and very deep, we are stuck in our circumstances, we see no land and no _____.

They see Jesus walking on the water and they were afraid. Why? Because they couldn't see, because of this they were afraid. Sometimes we forget that the only person who is capable of reaching us in this very isolated place is _____. He is the only one who can break through our fears, our _____ and our tragedies. He is the only one who can, he is the only one who wants to.

APPLICATION

Here's a checklist for knowing if you should step out in faith on a particular action:

- Will it glorify God?
- Is it Biblical?
- Do the significant people in my life support it?
- Do I sense God's leading?

1) Write down your own definition of faith.

2) If you had been Peter and Jesus had asked you to step out in faith from the boat to the water, what would you have done?

3) Why do you think that Jesus performed miracles?

REFLECT

1. How can you work to strengthen your faith?

2. Can you still be a Christian and have doubts?

3. Have you ever had doubts in your faith? How did you react or respond?

4. What do the following versus reveal about faith?

Ephesians 2:8 _____

Mark 10:13-15 _____

Colossians 2:6-7 _____

James 1:5-8 _____

Ephesians 3:16-18 _____

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Everyone has doubts – Its a natural part of our spiritual life. Here is a list of suggestions on how to handle doubts:

- **Don't panic when doubt arrives.** Expect it to arrive from time to time and be prepared to deal with it
- **Be honest about your doubts.** Do not be ashamed. Even Peter had doubts and he was one of Jesus' closest disciples.
- **Don't ignore your doubt.** Ask God to help you work It out.
- **Stay in fellowship with other Christians.** God can use certain people in your life to reveal truth.
- **Seek God.** Through reading the Bible, prayer and worship.
- **Confess.** Continued, un-confessed sin can bring doubt into our lives. Ask God for forgiveness.