



Greater Things

Faith - Part 2 Study Guide

Greater faith happens when our faith grows as a result of a challenge. We love the mountain top moments where it feels like everything is under control, but it is in the valleys where God grows our faith. This week we are taking a longer look at how God utilizes the tough times to position us for greater faith.

1. Have you ever seen or been a part of remodeling a house? What are some of the steps involved? Was it worth it?

“Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side...”
- Matthew 14:22 (ESV)

2. **Read Matthew 14:22-27.** Jesus sent the disciples into the wind, into the storm, and into the fourth watch of the night. They were exhausted and terrified in the storm, but Jesus told them to “take heart” because He was there with them. What area of your life do you feel like you’re in the fourth watch?

“...Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” - Matthew 14:28 (ESV)

3. **Read Matthew 14:28.** Greater faith begins at the place where we stare into our storms or our difficult situations, and we rise up and call out to Jesus. Peter didn’t ask Jesus to change the situation, he asked Jesus to help him walk through it. Instead of asking for God to change your situation, how can you ask God to help you walk through it?

“He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat
and walked on the water...”
- Matthew 14:29 (ESV)

4. **Re-read Matthew 14:28-29.** Greater faith is directly tied to greater obedience. Peter asked Jesus to command him and Jesus gave him the word “come.” What word or command do you feel God is asking you to obey right now? (If you don’t know be sure to pray about that this week!).
5. Just imagine if Peter had decided “no, I’m not doing that.” He would have missed out on one of his greatest faith-building moments. Hearing what God is commanding you to do is important, but your obedience to that is what determines if you will have greater faith. Have your Life Group help you discuss strategies to stay obedient to the command God has given you.