**Step Out on the Water**

*Matthew 14:22-33*

**Impetuous Peter**

* Told Jesus He would not suffer
  + “Get behind me Satan” – Matthew 16:23
* Said he would not deny Christ – Matthew 26:35
  + He denied Christ – Matthew 26:69-75
* Cut off high priest’s ear – John 18:10

Introduction

1. Christianity is a proactive choice.
2. Some hesitate to do things for fear of failure or embarrassment.
3. Christians must have courage to leave their comfort zones and work for the Lord!
4. Peter exhibits faith by stepping out on the water to meet Jesus.
5. Step out on the water (metaphorically) and…
6. Preach the word!

* It’s a command – 2 Timothy 4:2; Matthew 28:18-20
* Don’t be ashamed (embarrassed) – 2 Timothy 1:8-12; Romans 1:16
* Don’t be a part of the bystander effect – Romans 10:14; Acts 8:30-31 (song: you never mentioned him to me.)

1. Reprove a brother!

* The scripture is for reproof – 2 Timothy 3:16
* It’s a command – Matthew 18:15-17
* It means you love them – Galatians 6:1-2

1. Obey the gospel!

* Doesn’t mean you won’t fall short – James 5:19-20
* It’s a command – Acts 17:30-31; Mark 16:16
* Jesus is there to catch you when you fall – Matthew 14:30-31; Luke 22:31-32

1. Staying in the boat can be sinful!

* James 4:17
* *“So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.”* Revelation 3:16 – You know you need to but you don’t want to fail.

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