



More Steps | Ethan Matott | 2.15-16

Weekly Study

SHARE

Welcome Red Rocks to the 3rd week of our MORE series. This week's message is all about the more steps we are to take in our walk of faith. When living with intention action is to follow and the way we take action is by taking the first step out of the boat which in turn leads to greater faith. Many of us stay in the boat of fear, comfort, doubt, and shame. Pastor Ethan dives into the actionable steps we can take to jump into the water of the MORE God has for each and every one of us.

What is one thing from the list of steps that you need to call attention to?

What step did you take this past week to live with more intention?

GROW

Read Matthew 14:22-33

This scripture sheds light on a profound truth for many of us who are among the eleven who stayed in the boat. We all see the steps ahead of us, yet we remain in our world of fear, comfort, doubt, or shame, allowing the storms to prevent us from stepping out of the boat. We fear what others may think. We may settle in the comfort of the familiar rather than embracing what more God has for us. Doubt creeps in, causing us to question God's good plans for our lives, or we allow shame to make us doubt our worthiness to receive what God has for us.

What is keeping you in the boat?

What does it look like for you to step out of the boat?

All of us are prone to face storms heavy with rain and wind. However, when we reframe our lives through God's Word, we are empowered to live with a Spirit of power, love, and a sound mind. Jesus doesn't remove the storms when He invites us into the waters, but He promises to keep us steady by reaching out His hand. As believers, we are called to align our lives with the truth of God's Word, for it is His truth about us that gives us the confidence to step out of our

comfort zones and take risks—fearless of what the world says or what our shame tries to convince us we are.

- What practical steps can you take to be more aware of the One who is in the storm rather than the storm itself?**
- Why do many of us allow trivial things to question Jesus' invitation to step onto the water?**

MOVE

Read Proverbs 3:5-6

Fight the lies of the world and the enemy with the truth of God's Word. In the midst of our storms, though they may be cloudy and dark, the light of Jesus shines through it all to remind us that nothing—no fear, comfort, doubt, or shame—can separate us from Him. It is because of this that we can trust Him with our whole heart and confidently jump into the waters of grace and mercy, swimming toward the One who is called Truth.

- What lies of the world have you settled for that kept you from truly trusting the truth of God's goodness?**
- Has there ever been a time when you took your focus off of Jesus and sunk in the water of lies?**

Like Peter in his step of faith, we too are invited by Jesus to take that step and do life with Him. We must leave the comfort we've built in the boat and step into the MORE that God has for us—His good plans to prosper us and give us a future and a hope, all found only in Christ.

- What does it mean to not lean on your own understanding and trust God with all your heart?**
- What step is God calling you to take to experience the more He wants for your life?**

PRAY

As a group, pray for the faith of a mustard seed when wanting to take the actionable step God is calling you to. Pray for His peace and comfort while walking on the waters. Ask God to uphold you with His right hand as you trust Him to lead and guide you into the MORE.

Come together, lifting up any prayer requests and take the time to pray for one another.

CHALLENGE: Apply the biblical principle of Proverbs 3:5-6 this week and take a step of faith into what God is calling you to.