

## ① LIVING ON THE EDGE

② What if, for one day, Jesus was to become you?

What if, for 24 hr. Jesus wakes up in your bed, walks in your shoes, lives in your house, and assumes your schedule? Your boss becomes His boss, your mother becomes His mother, and your pains and struggles become His? With one exception, **nothing about your life changes**. Your health doesn't change. Your circumstances don't change. Your schedule isn't altered. Your problems aren't solved. Only one change occurs.

③ **What if, for one day and one night, Jesus lives your life with his heart?** Your heart gets the day off, and your life is led by the heart of Christ. His priorities govern your actions. His passions drive your decisions. His love directs your behavior.

**What would you be like?** Would people notice a change? Your family—would they see something new? Your coworkers—would they sense a difference? Your friends—would they detect more joy? Those who oppose you, or those who grate you like sandpaper, would they receive more mercy from the heart of Christ's heart than from yours.

And you! How would you feel? What alternations would this transplant have on you? Your stress level? Your mood swings? Would you sleep better? How about your reaction to traffic delays? (Ouch!)

Would you still do what you had planned for the next 24 hours? Think about your schedule—commitments, engagements, appointments. With Jesus taking over your heart, would anything change?

Adjust the lens of your imagination until you have a clear picture of Jesus leading your life, then frame the image. What you see is what God wants. He wants you to think and act like Christ. (Phil. 2:5)

④ God's plan for you is nothing short of a new heart.

-But you are a person, so God wants to change your heart.

⑤ **"But you were taught to be made new in your hearts, to become a new person. That new person is made to be like God—made to be truly good and holy"** (Eph. 4:23-24)

God wants you to be like Jesus. He wants you to have a heart like His. What would that look like? Would it be different than what your life is today?

What is God's desire for us? It might be summed up this way:

⑥ **God loves you just the way you are, but He refuses to leave you that way. He wants you to be just like Jesus.**

⑦ But the greatest need is that we would live by example. So that people would not only hear us but actually see in us the life of Jesus Christ being lived out in human flesh.

⑧ Greatest need of our day and hour: to be imitators of Christ  
to be models for others  
to be an example of the  
Christ life

⑨ Luke 6:40  
**"A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher."**

pupils, sons, daughters will model you  
they will be like you!  
Is that a happy thought? Does that  
encourage you?

⑩ I Cor. 4:16  
**"Therefore I urge you to imitate me."**

⑪ I Cor. 11:1  
**"Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ."**  
Not just a few isolated verses

(12) Phil. 3:17  
"Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you."

(13) Phil. 4:9 incredible verse  
I don't have a problem with most of the vs.  
but I do with one phrase

"Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."

If am going to be a good example, I am going to have learn to trust God more. One of my greatest fears in life is to stand in the way of the Lord accomplishing what He really wants to do--that I would hold Him back because of the lack of my faith and trust.

(14) There are many people today that if you were to ask them to describe their Christian life, they would say: **BORING!** (15)  
They genuinely know the Lord but it's because they live at such a level where they always play it safe.

- live in their comfort zone
- live where apart from God they can do it
- if God doesn't answer my prayer it doesn't matter -because I am living at such a level where I can do it myself.

Does God get bored with our prayers? We rush into His presence with our grocery list of items and then leave just as quickly not even allowing God to answer.

There once was a little man in Scotland by the name of John Knox who prayed:

"God give me Scotland or I'll die."  
God says: "Only I can do that--Knox can't do it himself"  
God answered that prayer. Listen, God loves to reveal Himself; He doesn't want to be restricted.

(16) **Where do you meet God.** Some people say that they meet God in the still places. I do to. But the place where I really meet God is in the

**scary places!** Where I'm so far out on the limb that if God doesn't come through I'm finished--dead meat.

(18) \*Mountain Climbing !! (19)

There is one key factor that is illustrated so well in the life of Peter. Self-reliant, self-confident, bold and even impetuous Peter. We could add numerous other adjectives but let's look together at the story in Matt. 14.

**VIDEO**

Matt. 14:22-33 Here is a risk taker--a guy willing to live in a scary place. READ (20) (24)

- (25) 11 Boat Huggers
- (26) 1 Water Walker, 1 Risktaker

Notice three things or characteristics of the person who is putting their trust in God and not themselves:

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**THEY EXPERIENCE THE MIRACLE:**

- you say Peter ended up to his armpits in water
- he is the only one in Scripture beside Jesus who walked on water--that's miracle material.

\* Miracle on I-5

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**THEY EXPERIENCE A PERSONAL TOUCH OF JESUS**

\*Mouse

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**THEY EXPERIENCE A GREATER APPRECIATION OF JESUS**

when they go back in to the boat they worshipped Him.  
-but I'm sure that the worship experience was quite different for the disciples.

- 11 boat huggers: **impressed**
- Peter(water-walker) **amazed**

The key is that you have to be willing to get out of the boat--that place of safety.

30 • **Do you want to experience a miracle in your life or church then:**

31 GET OUT OF THE BOAT

32 • **Do you want to receive the personal touch of Jesus Himself then:**

33 GET OUT OF THE BOAT.

34 • **Do you want a greater worship experience in your life then:**

35 GET OUT OF THE BOAT.

Do you want to experience God in a way that you have not before then you have to be willing to step out in faith.

36 **STEP OUT IN FAITH**

**TRUST HIM**