

# WELCOME HOME *Sunday*

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 SMALL GROUPS

 CONVERSATION GUIDE

In our series *A Blessed Life*, we discover that true fulfillment is not found in possessions, achievements, or the approval of others, but in walking with Christ. Jesus invites us to step out of the familiar and into what He has prepared: an abundant life.

In **Matthew 14:27–31**, we see Peter experiencing something supernatural as he responds in obedience to Jesus' call to walk on water. His obedience allowed him to know his Master's faithfulness and power in a way he never would have if he had stayed in the boat. Where can you find the abundant life for which you were created?

**But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!" Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water." "Yes, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted. Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him.**

*Matthew 14:27–31a (NLT)*

 TALK ABOUT IT

1. Why do you think Peter dared to step out of the boat when Jesus called him?
2. What "boat" represents your comfort zone? What keeps you from stepping out?
3. How is obedience to Jesus connected to experiencing a full and blessed life?
4. Read **John 10:10 (ESV)**: *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."*

- a. How is Jesus' abundant life different from what the world calls "abundance"?
  - b. What practical steps can you take this week to live in that abundance?
5. How can we invite others to leave behind their old life and step into new life in Christ?

## The abundant life I was created for is on the other side of my obedience.

### MAKE IT PRACTICAL

- Share testimonies of small steps of obedience and how you've seen God work through them.
- Ask yourself: What steps of obedience is Jesus asking of me today?
- Take one concrete step of faith this week: reconcile with someone, share your faith, let go of a habit that doesn't honor God, or make a decision that reflects trust in Him.
- Pray each morning for the courage to step out of "the boat" and follow Jesus in obedience.

### PRAYER

"Lord Jesus, thank You for inviting me into a full and blessed life in You. Give me the courage to step out of my boat and obey You, even when I am afraid. I want to leave my old life behind and receive the abundant life that only You offer. Take my hand and teach me to walk with You every day. Amen."

### TIPS

- Remember that obedience flows not from obligation, but from love and trust in Christ.
- Don't let fear paralyze you: every step out of the boat is an opportunity to know Jesus more deeply.
- Ready to take the next step? Water baptism is a public way to declare your commitment to follow Christ.



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