

## Campfire Stories | Week #04

A Water-Walking Story: The Path to Purpose | July 29<sup>th</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>

### Anchor Verse:

There are many other things that Jesus did, but if these were to be described individually, I do not think the whole world would contain the books that would be written.

John 21:24

### Matthew 14:22-33

1. GOD ISSUES A \_\_\_\_\_.

*God, by His grace through Christ, has called you to become His people. Galatians 1:6*

2. PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_.

*'But Lord,' Gideon asked, 'how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.'* Judges 6:15

Almost always the response is \_\_\_\_\_—people are \_\_\_\_\_.

Sometimes it's *Fear* of \_\_\_\_\_.

Sometimes it's the *Fear* of \_\_\_\_\_.

3. GOD OFFERS \_\_\_\_\_.

*When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, 'The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.'*

Judges 6:12

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged.*

*For the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9*

2 Corinthians 11:24-27

*Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:39*

4. PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_.

When God CALLS you to do something, what really matters is not whether or not you feel SCARED.

What matters is your DECISION, whether you say "YES" or "NO." That's all that matters!

5. THE RESULT IS \_\_\_\_\_.

*If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me. When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth. Matthew 19:21-22*

**What is God inviting you into today?**

1. Talk with a trusted friend about where God might be challenging you.
2. Ask God to show you where you could make a difference in someone's life. Then do it.

**Thought Provoking Questions for Groups or Personal Reflection**

1. What's your boat? Where does safety, security or seeking approval keep you from trusting God?
2. What produces the most fear in you, especially when you think about stepping out in faith?
3. Where are you in relation to Jesus today?
  - a. Huddled in the boat with the life preserver on and the seat belt fastened.
  - b. One leg in, one leg out.
  - c. I'm walking on water—and loving it.
  - d. I'm out of the boat but the storms are battering me.

\*John Ortberg, *If You Want to Walk on Water You've Got to Get Out of the Boat*