

Groups.

Faith Talks, Faith Walks and Faith Reaches!

From Peter walking on water in Matthew 14, we're reminded that faith is a living, active gift that moves us toward Jesus. Faith talks by declaring God's promises, walks through obedient action, and reaches for Jesus in every storm.

Faith is not merely a concept or a product of upbringing, but a real, tangible gift from God that is birthed within our hearts, giving us confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This faith is not something we can manufacture on our own; it is received as a deposit from Jesus, enabling us to access the purposes and promises of God even when circumstances seem impossible. When we open our hearts to Him, faith ignites and empowers us to step into encounters with Jesus that transform our lives

Like the heroes of faith in Hebrews 11, we are called to live by faith, not by sight - speaking to the mountains before us with confidence in God's victory. No matter what we face - fear, brokenness, or disappointment, His love and power are still enough. Let faith rise in us as we believe for miracles, restoration, and a fresh Encounters with Jesus.

ICE BREAKER

Where did you take a small step of faith this week?

REFLECTION

Share something that stood out from the Sunday message 'Faith for an Encounter'.

MESSAGE POINTS

One: Faith Steps Out of the Boat

True faith is not passive; it requires action and a willingness to step out of comfort zones, just as Peter did when he walked on water at Jesus' command. Even when the winds and waves of life seem overwhelming, faith calls us to fix our eyes on Jesus, trust His word, and move forward despite fear or uncertainty. It is in these moments of obedience - when we act on God's invitation rather than our own ideas - that we experience His power and see the impossible become possible.

Matthew 14:28-31 (ESV)

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So, Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Discussion

- **Where do you sense Jesus saying, "Come," right now—and what "boat" (identity, habit, safety net) would you need to leave to obey?**
- **Which feels stronger to you: the pull of Jesus' word or the pull of the wind? Why today?**
- **Peter walked to Jesus, not to "the miracle." If Jesus didn't remove the wind, what does that teach you about faith and conditions?**

Two: Faith Speaks to the Mountain

Faith is not silent; it brings a new confession that challenges the status quo and speaks life, hope, and victory over every circumstance, no matter how insurmountable it may seem. Jesus teaches that even faith as small as a mustard seed can move mountains, reminding us to stop overestimating our obstacles and underestimating the power of faith in God. Instead of having conversations with our doubts or limitations, we are called to declare God's promises and authority over every area of lack, fear, or brokenness in our lives.

Matthew 17:20 (ESV)

He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."

Discussion

- **In your words, what does Jesus mean by “mustard-seed” faith here?**
- **What’s the “mountain” in your world right now - and what promise from God will you speak to it?**
- **Which internal conversation do you have more: with your doubts or with your father?**

Three: Faith Reaches for Jesus in Every Circumstance

When the storms of life threaten to overwhelm us, faith is not just about walking on water in the miraculous moments but about reaching for Jesus when we begin to sink. Even in our fear, doubt, or failure, we are invited to fix our eyes on Him, cry out for His help, and trust that He will reach out and rescue us. No matter how hopeless a situation may feel, faith chooses to praise God, declare His goodness, and believe that He is our healer, deliverer, and peace - bringing hope and restoration to every area of our lives.

Psalm 121:1-2 (ESV)

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Discussion

- **Look up Psalm 121:1–2 reveal about where we look for help?**
- **When you start to sink, what’s your first reflex (scroll, fix, hide, pray)?**
- **For the place you need rescue or peace, what will you thank God for *before* it changes?**

WATCH

<https://www.youtube.com/@LIFEMelbourne/videos>

NEW SERVICE!

We Are excited to announce the new 1.30pm service is here!! Together with our 9am, 11am and 6pm services, we are following God's leading, putting out another jar for God to pour into, so we can increasingly reach Melbourne with the hope and love of Jesus.

This isn't just about another service - it's about:

- **Making Room for More** – more people, more families, more of our city encountering Jesus.
- **Preparing for West** – gathering and empowering a team so we are ready when God opens the door for a new campus.
- **Ownership for Everyone** – creating opportunities for all of us to engage our God-given part.
- **God's Blueprint** – a multiplication model that sets us up for what God has ahead.

Every faith step requires a stretch, but as we multiply, our prayer is that it will be done in strength.

As we take this God-led step of obedience, we carry an expectation that it will enable many to step up in ownership and engage their God-given part. If LIFE is your home but you're yet to play your part, we'd love to have you join a great team across any one of the four Sunday services.



If you love church, this is how you can help others to love it too!

Do you love to make people smile? Do you love to make someone's day? Do you love helping others?

We believe that serving on team is an expression of love for God, the church and others, so check out some of the ways that you can make a difference on team, doing the things that you love!

Play My Part - <https://lifeau.org/playmypart/#findateam>

GROUP PRAYER POINTS

Pray for each other's personal journey as a disciple and discipleship in our church

- Being in the presence of Jesus, becoming more like Jesus and continuing the work He did.

Pray for the Holy Spirit's presence

- That we would be led, filled and empowered to live surrendered, love God and serve others.

Pray for Decade of Destiny

- **Debt Free on Sims and Stage One** Believe that we could be debt free on the purchase of Sims St and the stage one fit-out costs.
- **Launch Two New LIFE Campuses** That we would pioneer two additional LIFE campuses across Melbourne and continue to make room for more people to discover the wonder of Jesus, find their family and step into all that God leads.
- **LIFE Homes** To have short-, medium- and long-term accommodation navigable to enable emergency support, crisis help and essential care to key areas of vulnerability.
- **Education Services Engaged** It is our vision that we will have multiple pathways that we will be able to bring lasting transformation to our communities through learning and education and reverse the cycle of poverty.
- **Sims Street Revival** God is entrusting us to first and foremost lift up the names of Jesus and see many thousands upon thousands discover His eternal life.

UPCOMING DATES

20th October – Prayer & Fasting

24th – 25th October – Sistahood Conference

26th October – Ps Jemima Varughese