



## Personal Ministry

### Matthew 14: 13-31

When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup>As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." <sup>16</sup>Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. <sup>18</sup>"Bring them here to me," he said. <sup>19</sup>And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. <sup>20</sup>They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. <sup>21</sup>The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children. <sup>22</sup>Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup>After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. <sup>25</sup>During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. <sup>26</sup>When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." <sup>28</sup>"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>"Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

### I. Passing the Test of Ministry

- Ministry is God's way of \_\_\_\_\_ our faith in order to \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- Boat-bound Christians choose to maximize their \_\_\_\_\_ and minimize God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- God-sized stuff happens \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

- Ministry is simply \_\_\_\_\_ what we know how to do and \_\_\_\_\_ God to do what only He can do.

Will you let your insufficiency connect with God's sufficiency?

- Every great \_\_\_\_\_ ministry started when one person said I can't but you can, I will do what I can and trust you to do what only you can.

### II. Nudged Out of Your Boat

- A. I have been \_\_\_\_\_ for ministry.

#### I Peter 4:10

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

- B. I have been \_\_\_\_\_ to minister.

#### Colossians 4:17 (NLT)

And say to Archippus, "Be sure to carry out the ministry the Lord gave you."

- The secret of a \_\_\_\_\_ is to find the ministry for which God made you and get right in the middle.

- C. I am to be \_\_\_\_\_ for ministry.

#### Ephesians 4:11-12

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

- D. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ needs my ministry.

#### I Corinthians 12:27

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

- E. I am \_\_\_\_\_ for my ministry.

#### Romans 14:12

So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

- F. I will be \_\_\_\_\_ for ministry.

#### Colossians 3:23-24

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, <sup>24</sup>since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

#### Matthew 25:23

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'