

# Lesson Eight:

Jesus Walks On Water: Matthew 14:22—32

Have you ever taken a big risk? How did it turn out?

## Lesson Questions:

1. What had Jesus done directly before this story?
2. Why do you think Jesus went up into the mountains? Read John 6:15
3. If you were becoming increasingly popular and there was a demand for a king, how might you be tempted?
4. What kind of a person is Peter? Do you know anyone like him?
5. Why does Jesus invite Peter to step out onto the water?
6. Peter was doing fine until what happened?
7. Why did he sink then and not earlier?
8. What did the disciples conclude from this miracle?

## Discussion Questions:

1. Is it good to be a risk-taker?
2. God has a purpose and intention for each one of us. That plan may be one in which we have to take a risk. In this case and in all of our life it is essential that we have faith in God. What does this mean?
3. Can you think of times in your life when it was difficult to have a faithful attitude?
4. What does God say we can do when we are strengthened by Him? See Matthew 19:26  
Mark 9:23  
Mark 10:27  
Philippians 4:13
5. What does this story tell us about failure?

In this lesson, we learned about Peter and the miracle he performed when he was trusting in God. Next lesson we will learn what happens to a rich man who does not give his life and riches and trust to God but keeps them for himself.

# Prayer

**Dear Lord Jesus, You are worthy of our respect and trust. You showed us through this lesson that it's not only O.K., but right to take risks when we're listening to Your will. You gave Peter the power to walk on water as long as he trusted in You. Likewise, You will give us the strength and power to do whatever You have in Your plan for us to do. During the stormy times of our lives, when we feel worried and discouraged, help us to never doubt Your love for us and Your power in our lives. You will never let us drown. Thank you, Lord, for being so powerful and for loving us. With Your power, all things are possible.**