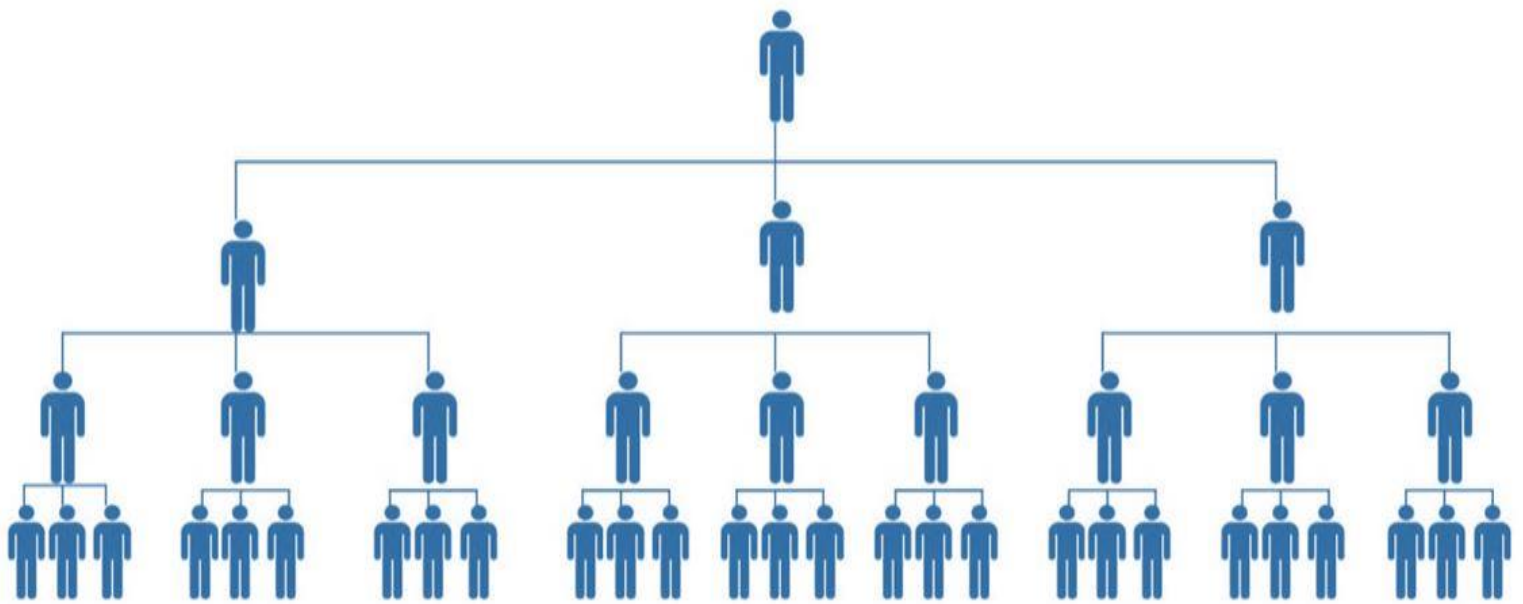


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Jesus wants His followers to go about the work of making disciples for Him. Matthew 28:18-20 says, “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ Amen.”

Yet, despite the clear instructions given by the Lord, those who are Christians are often hindered from this work. Most of this hindrance (if not all of it) comes in the form of excuses. And, although excuses can feel like very real obstacles to the person making them, they are merely attempts to excuse oneself from a certain activity or to excuse past failures.

So, as you think about your God-given work of making disciples for Jesus, you need to begin by calling excuses what they are! And, you must determine that you will not allow yourself to fail in such an important work because of some excuse. You have to recognize that God is greater than any obstacle you face. You must remember Philippians 4:13: “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

I think about Moses on this point. God wanted to use Moses to accomplish something great

(i.e. to lead His people out of Egyptian captivity and into the promised land). Yet, Moses had several excuses. First, He asked, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt” (Exodus 3:11). Second, he said, “But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, ‘The Lord has not appeared to you’” (Exodus 4:1). Third, he said, “O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue” (Exodus 4:10). Fourth, he said, “O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send” (Exodus 4:13). Yet, I think we all recognize that God was able to use Moses and accomplish all that He desired to accomplish through Moses (despite any obstacles that stood in Moses’ way)!

Your work of making disciples is no different. Jesus knew what He was doing whenever He left this important work of making disciples to His disciples. He would not have entrusted such an important work to people who were not capable of accomplishing the work until the end of time! Therefore, you must have confidence that God can use you right now to do the work of making disciples for Jesus Christ.

Get Out Of The Boat!

One of the biggest obstacles people face whenever they consider the work of making disciples for Jesus Christ is their “comfort zones.” Your “comfort zone” is where you feel at ease, where there is minimal stress and discomfort. You’ve likely lived most of your life in this place and even the thought of doing something that is outside of this sphere of what is “normal” for you makes you anxious. Yet, it is outside of this box that is called your “comfort zone” that truly amazing and wonderful things can happen in your service to the Lord. Sadly, there is a high number of Christians who give little service to God because they stay inside this box of what they are comfortable with and very rarely (if ever) venture outside of it. This is certainly true whenever you consider the work of making disciples for Jesus

Christ. Everything about it requires you to get “out of the boat”!

Peter walks on water

Consider the Biblical account of Peter walking on the water in Matthew 14:22-33. “Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

“Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, ‘It is a ghost!’ And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.’ And Peter answered Him and said, ‘Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.’

“So He said, ‘Come.’ And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, ‘Lord, save me!’ And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, ‘O you of little faith, why did you doubt?’ And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, ‘Truly You are the Son of God.’”

There are many lessons we could learn from this text. But, I want you to think about the “comfort zone” Peter left. I want you to consider why he left his comfort zone, how he left it, and why his venture ended with failure. By considering these things, we can be greatly encouraged to step outside of our “comfort zones” as it relates to the work of making disciples for Jesus Christ.

See the possibilities

Here is the *why* of Peter’s decision to step outside of his “comfort zone.” Although there were troubling conditions for the disciples in the boat, the boat still represented Peter’s “comfort zone.” He

only knew life “in the boat.” Never before had Peter experienced life “outside the boat” (as it related to walking on water).

Yet, even though Peter could have decided to ride out this storm in the boat, he saw the possibility of walking on water. Whenever the disciples learned that the one walking on the water toward them was Jesus, Peter responded, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water” (Matthew 14:28). So, give Peter credit for seeing the possibilities of faith in Christ. None of the other disciples did this. Perhaps they were stuck in their “box” so that they could not even imagine the possibilities that existed outside of this “box.” But, Peter did.

So, if you want to step outside of your “comfort zone,” you must view the possibilities through faith in Jesus Christ. What if you had enough faith in Christ that you asked the people who are around you to study the Bible with you? What if you had enough faith in Christ to talk to others about the reasons for your faith? What if you had enough faith in Christ to make Him part of every conversation you have with others? What if you had enough faith in Christ to go up to a complete stranger and give that person something to help him/her learn the truth of the gospel?

Like Peter, you must have enough faith in the Lord to recognize that there is no failure as long as you do the things Christ wants you to do. So, despite how anyone responds to your faithful efforts, you will know that Jesus Christ is pleased because you are doing everything you can do to serve Him. Rather than limiting Christ’s influence in this world by your “comfort zone,” you are showing enough faith in Him that you imagine the possibilities of spreading His word – and allow God to give the increase!

Take the first step

Many things have been written about stepping outside of a person’s “comfort zone.” But, many people seem to get stuck at the edge of the boat. They want to step out, but it is uncomfortable. So, they either get back in the boat or live the rest of their lives on the edge of the boat – regretting and feeling guilty for failing to live up to their full potentials.

And, they try to find some “secret” to make stepping outside of their “comfort zones” less uncomfortable.

Yet, there is no secret. Put yourself in the boat with Peter. He had enough faith to see the possibilities. But, just *talking* about walking on the water is not the same as actually *walking* on the water! The “moment of truth” arrived when Jesus invited Peter to “Come.” Peter could have been like most people and gotten excited about the opportunity to walk on water, stood up, saw the stormy water, and allowed his fear to keep him inside the boat.

But, Matthew 14:29 says, “...And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.” There was no secret for making this first step on the water easier or more comfortable. He just had to have enough faith in Jesus to take the first step out of the boat. And, each step after that was just about putting one foot in front of the other – in faith that Jesus would make it work.

So, if you want to step outside of your “comfort zone,” you must take the first step. There is no secret. You just have to have enough faith in Jesus to do what He says. Although it will feel uncomfortable, you just have to put one foot in front of the other and trust that Jesus will make it work.

He wants you to work to make disciples for Him. Now, you must trust in His plan for you as a disciple-maker enough that you will do whatever you can to accomplish this work. You have to evaluate yourself currently and consider whether you just talk about making disciples – or whether you actually work to make disciples. And, if you have stayed inside your “comfort zone,” recognize that you are demonstrating a lack of faith!

Keep your eyes on Jesus

Finally, once you have stepped outside of your “comfort zone,” you must keep your eyes on Jesus. Now, I don’t know how far Peter walked on the water. It appears as though it was some distance. And, Peter eventually failed in his efforts to walk on the water. Yet, his failure was due to the fact that he took his eyes off Jesus.

Matthew 14:30-31 says that (while Peter was walking on the water) “when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid.” When he began to

sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” And, Jesus reached out His hand, caught hold of Peter, and asked him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

Perhaps some are thinking, “That is why you should never get out of the boat in the first place.” Yet, this entirely misses the point. Don’t forget that *Peter was walking on water!* It was not Jesus who let Peter down, but Peter who failed because he got distracted by the storm that was going on around him. If he would have kept his eyes on Jesus, he never would have sunk!

And, so it is with you. Whenever you step outside of your “comfort zone” to do the work of making disciples for Jesus, don’t become distracted by the physical things around you (i.e. the threats, the discouragement, the mocking, the doubters, the trials and temptations of life, etc.). All of these things are working to make you sink. But, if you will keep your eyes focused on Jesus and doing what He wants you to do, you will accomplish His work and please Him!

Then, some people may be quick to criticize Peter’s lack of faith. “How could Peter be so faithless?” Yet, let us not fail to recognize that it was only Peter who got out of the boat. Yes, he should have had more faith than to become fearful of the storm and Jesus corrected him for doubting. But, he still showed more faith than all the others – and many Christians today!

Before you criticize Peter, you must get out of your boat! If you are failing to do the work of making disciples for Jesus Christ because you are afraid of getting out of your “comfort zone,” don’t criticize Peter’s lack of faith. Instead, have enough faith in Christ to see the possibilities, to take the first step, and then to accomplish the work by keeping your eyes fixed firmly on Jesus! If you do this, He will make your work for Him a success (by His measure of success).

Common Excuses That Hinder

The reality is that many Christians stay inside the boat – especially when it pertains to the work of making disciples for Jesus. They may talk about the

opportunities and the potential; but it's mostly just talk. And, remember that *talking* is not the same as *walking*! Then, many Christians make all kinds of excuses to make themselves feel better for not getting out of the boat and doing what Christ wants them to do in this area. Therefore, consider some common excuses Christians offer – and a brief response to each one. The reality is that if you truly have faith in God, love for God, and love for others (as we talked about in lesson 2), you will overcome every one of these (and other) excuses and get out of the boat!

“People aren’t interested”

It has become common for folks to say, “Nobody is interested in spiritual things, in the Bible, and in church today” whenever they talk about the work of making disciples for Jesus. And, this seems to provide “cover” for a lot of churches to dwindle in number and for a lot of Christians not to talk to others seriously about Jesus. The blame for a lack of disciples made for Jesus is put on those who are lost – and takes it off those who are Christians for failing to do the work of disciple-makers!

Yet, people have always been interested in things that are contrary to God’s word. Preachers have always had to teach people who were focused on idols, riches, immorality of all kinds, human traditions, etc. But, this does *not* mean that people do not think about death and the things that happen after death. This does *not* mean that people would not love a better way. And, just because many people are not interested does *not* mean that no one is interested. In fact, it may simply be that there are more people interested than we think – and that more people are not being converted simply because many Christians are not doing the work! There will always be a smaller amount of good soil than wayside, rocky, or thorny soil in this world – but there is still good soil (Luke 8:4-15). Then, even if it is true that *no one* is interested, this does *not* excuse you for failing to do God’s work! For instance, God told the prophet Jeremiah, “Therefore you shall speak all these words to them, but they will not obey you. You shall also call to them, but they will not answer you” (Jeremiah 7:27).

“I’m not able”

When some people think about the work of making disciples for Jesus, they see a work that they are “unqualified” to do. They think that it takes someone who is supremely skilled – at least someone who is more skilled than they are. So, they think they would do more to hurt the work than accomplish it. Some say they are too old. Some say they are too young. Some say they have too many physical limitations.

Yet, you have to recognize that God does not give a command people cannot accomplish! If He did, He would not be a fair judge (since He will judge us for whether we keep His commandments). So, although some people can accomplish more in this work than others, everyone can accomplish something! In fact, many of Christ’s apostles were of no account from a physical perspective. Yet, they accomplished great things for Him. For instance, Peter and John were considered to be “uneducated and untrained men” and people marveled that they could accomplish so much (Acts 4:13). But, they had been with Jesus – and this equipped them for the work. The same thing is true for you. If you will go with Jesus and put your entire faith in Him, He will help you do all that you can in His service (remember Philippians 4:13 – “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”).

“I don’t know how”

Some people are hindered from the work of making disciples because they do not think they know how to do the work. They do not know where to start and how to approach someone. They do not know how to conduct a Bible study. They do not know how to answer objections. They do not know how to conduct themselves.

Yet, you surely do not allow a lack of knowledge to stop you from doing other things you really desire to do. For instance, you did not always know how to drive a car, cook, mow the grass, do your job, play sports, play a music instrument, or other things you may currently know how to do. But, you learned. And, so it is with the work of making disciples. Rather than always excusing your inactivity by saying, “I don’t know how,” learn how!

God says that there is a time when you ought to be a teacher (Hebrews 5:12-14). Therefore, you must put in the effort to learn how to accomplish this God-given work!

“I don’t want to be too pushy”

Some people excuse their lack of effort in making disciples by saying that they don’t want to come across “too pushy.” They don’t want people to think that’s all they talk about. They don’t want people to feel any pressure to live for Christ.

Yet, while you cannot force someone to change, trying to lovingly share the greatest message in the world is not the same as being “pushy”! And, the reality is that God wants you to stand up and boldly teach the gospel. This requires you to say the things that need to be said in the way they need to be said. Like Peter, you need to warn people to “Be saved from this perverse generation” (Acts 2:40)! Just speaking the gospel applies pressure for people to make a decision about what is most important in their lives – and to act on it! You cannot be too passive in presenting people with this choice – while also not being mean-spirited.

“I don’t have the time”

Some people have good intentions to do the work of making disciples, but they never seem to “have the time.” Something always seems to come up that prohibits them from accomplishing the work. Their jobs, their families, their hobbies, etc. always seem to have priority over doing the work of making disciples.

Yet, while you may be busy, you must recognize that the work of making disciples for Jesus is one of the most important things you can do in your life! So, you must honestly evaluate yourself and consider what you spend your time on shows you about your priorities in life. For instance, do you choose recreation, hobbies, and unnecessary overtime above the work of making disciples? You see, it is not that you do not have time for this work. Instead, it is a matter of choosing to make it a priority. I wonder, would Christians have the time to make disciples if they were given \$1 million for each disciple made? Colossians 4:5 says, “Walk in

wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.” Surely, there is no better use of your time than working for the salvation of souls – because nothing is so valuable as the soul and no reward is as great as Heaven!

“I’m afraid of what people will say or do”

Some people are afraid of how others will respond to their disciple-making efforts. They are afraid of what others will say to them or about them. They are afraid of how others may treat them. They are afraid of being outnumbered. They are afraid of how others will make them feel.

Yet, while there are many people who will not respond kindly to the efforts you make in this work, Jesus’ command remains the same. Jesus did not just command you to do the work of making disciples for Him whenever people would respond kindly to you. Instead, when Jesus sent out His apostles on what is called the “Limited Commission,” He said, “Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell” (Matthew 10:27-28). Although you may fear the people around you, they cannot do anything but hurt you physically and emotionally. However, failing to obey God because you fear people will result in eternal punishment in Hell!

“I don’t know enough”

Some people hold back from the work of making disciples because they have convinced themselves that they do not know enough about the Bible to help others follow Jesus. They may be new Christians who are just learning what the Bible teaches. They may be young Christians who don’t feel they know enough to answer the objections that may be raised to what they say. Or, they may be older Christians who have not grown in Bible knowledge the way they should have.

Yet, while we can always learn more, those who are Christians know enough to do something in the work of making disciples. At the least, they can teach people the basics about why they need to

follow Jesus, the dangers of sin, the gospel's plan of salvation, and the one church Jesus built. Then, you should recognize that you do not have to know everything to help people follow Christ. You just have to know something that others do not or be able to encourage people to act on the right knowledge. And, those who are truly interested in doing the work of making disciples must recognize that the only way to gain more knowledge to be able to help more people is to diligently study the Bible every day! 2 Timothy 2:15 says, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

"It's someone else's job"

Some people do not work to make disciples for Jesus because they do not believe it is their responsibility. They believe that work is for other people – like "preachers" and elders. They may even believe that they are doing their part in the work by contributing on the first day of the week to support the work of the local church. Or, they may believe that there is always someone who is better suited to teach the people in their lives.

Yet, while many other people have been given the work of making disciples, it is also *your* work! Those who are "full-time preachers" (financially supported to preach the gospel) are simply given an opportunity to spend more time doing the work. But, this does not mean that you do not also have to do the work. In fact, 2 Timothy 2:24-26 says, "And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will." Since a servant of the Lord "must" be able to teach, what does that make those who do not teach?

"I'm letting my light shine"

Some believe that they do this work whenever they let their "lights" shine for Jesus Christ. They have convinced themselves that because they live godly lives and faithfully attend the assemblies of the church that they have

accomplished their part in making disciples. In doing so, they excuse themselves from the work of actually speaking the gospel so as to teach others. Instead, they may be heard to say, "If people are interested, they will ask me why I am living for the Lord."

Yet, while Jesus wants you to let your light shine and there is power in a godly example (see Matthew 5:13-16 and 1 Peter 3:1-2), you must do the work of teaching. Just think about the fact that Jesus was the brightest light ever to live on earth (never dimming once). Yet, He still taught when He had the opportunity. And, when He gave the "Great Commission," Jesus did not just tell people to go let their lights shine so that people would come and ask them, "Why?" Instead, His disciples are expected to go into all the world "and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15)! Therefore, you must complement your godly example with the preaching of the gospel.

"I'm involved in other good works"

Some people believe that they are doing enough good works in other areas that they are excused from the work of making disciples. They tend to think that there are "evangelism people," "hospitality people," "edification people," "visiting people," etc. So, they believe they do not have to teach because they are involved in serving God other ways.

Yet, while some may be more effective (i.e. have more abilities and opportunities) in other areas of service (compare with Romans 12:3-8), this does not excuse someone from the command to make disciples. You see, God's commands are not a buffet where you can take the things you want and are comfortable doing and leave the things you do not want or are less comfortable doing. Instead, you must use every opportunity and ability you have to accomplish all of God's commands. This includes the work of making disciples (Matthew 28:18-20)!

"You have to barbeque first"

Some people hesitate to do the work of making disciples until they have a good relationship with the people they would like to teach. So, they will not take the step to preach to others until they can

arrange a time to have them over for a barbeque or some other social function (which may or may not ever happen). Then, they hope to use those relationships as vehicles for making disciples (which may or may not ever happen).

Yet, while relationships that have trust established can be a great way for you to influence others for Christ, they are not necessary prerequisites to the work of making disciples. If they were, how was Jesus successful with the Samaritan woman at the well who had not met Him before that day (read John 4)? How were the Christians who were scattered from Jerusalem throughout the world successful teaching the gospel in places they were strangers (Acts 8:4)? How were Paul, Barnabas, Silas, Timothy, Titus, etc. successful whenever they went into all the cities they visited and talked with strangers? You see, you must simply take advantage of whatever opportunity you have to make a disciple for Christ in a given moment!

“I’ll get to it someday”

Some people procrastinate with the work of making disciples. When they are in school, they may wait till they are older and graduate. When they get out of school, they may wait till they can get things settled. When they get some things settled, they may wait till after they start a family. When they start a family, they may wait till their children are out of the house and they retire. When they retire, they may wait till they get some projects caught up and travel. You get the picture. By time some people wait for a better time, they find that their time is gone!

Yet, while you may have many things going on in your life right now, you must never procrastinate in the Lord’s work. Jesus said, “I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work” (John 9:4). Instead of making God wait for you to do everything else, make everything else wait for you to serve God! Truly put Him first in your life by serving Him before you do other things (Matthew 6:33). Recognize that “now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2). There may never be another day to do the things God wants you to do in His service!

The Reality Of Jesus’ Instruction

People put up many barriers when it comes to the work of making disciples for Jesus. Perhaps this all connects back to the point that this work requires people to step outside of their “comfort zones.” Yet, consider three powerful realities of Jesus’ command in Matthew 28:18-20. Again, He said, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Jesus has all authority

The first reality about Jesus’ command is that Jesus has all authority. So, He has both the power and the right to command you to accomplish this work of making disciples. And, whenever He commands you to do anything, you must obey – or suffer the consequences.

Therefore, all the excuses you make (as real as they may feel to you) do not amount to anything. Even if they are real obstacles that you must overcome, you still must obey Christ. So, the fact that Jesus Christ has all authority and has commanded you to do the work of making disciples means that you must give your best effort to learning and accomplishing the work – no matter how difficult the work may be!

The process is easy

The second reality about Jesus’ command is that the process of making disciples is easy. No, that does not mean there are not difficulties and struggles in the work. I am only saying that there is nothing so difficult in the work that only a very few people are qualified to do it. Instead, the process of making disciples is easy enough that any disciple of Christ with a willing spirit can do it – no matter what his/her circumstances or abilities are!

There are four steps to the work of making disciples (as identified in Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15-16). Step number one is “Go.” Step number two is “Preach.” Step number three is “Baptize.” And, step number four is “Continued Teaching.” We will be evaluating each one of these steps in the coming lessons. For now, just recognize that there is nothing inherently difficult physically that would prohibit people from taking these steps to help others be disciples of Jesus Christ!

Jesus will be with you

The third reality about Jesus’ command is that you will not be alone in the work. Jesus promises that He will be with you. Jesus said, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light” (Matthew 11:28-30). So, even though the work of making disciples can be challenging (because of how other people respond), the work is easy whenever we view ourselves as coworkers with God (see 1 Corinthians 3:5-11)!

Just like when Peter was walking on the water, he was okay as long as he kept his eyes on Jesus. But, whenever Peter took his eyes off Jesus and focused on the storm around him, he began to sink. So, when you have enough faith to obey Jesus regardless of the consequences, He will help you through and will always make you victorious (see Romans 8:28-39)!

Conclusion

Being a true disciple-maker will require you to get outside of your “comfort zone.” But, will you have enough faith to step out of the boat and keep your eyes fixed on Jesus? Or, will you allow excuses to keep you from becoming what Jesus wants you to be in His service? He can truly use you to accomplish great things if you will not try to keep Him in the “box” of what you are comfortable doing! Therefore, you should devote your life to doing all that you can do to make disciples for Jesus Christ!

Study Questions

What hinders you from doing the work of making disciples for Jesus?

1. Get Out Of The Boat!

How did Peter have to step outside his “comfort zone” to walk on the water?

Why did Peter step outside his “comfort zone”? What will cause you to step outside your “comfort zone”?

How did Peter get out of his “comfort zone”? How will you get out of your “comfort zone”?

Why did Peter begin to sink? What will make you successful outside of your “comfort zone”?

2. Common Excuses That Hinder

For each excuse, explain the excuse and provide an answer for it.

“People aren’t interested” –

“I’m not able” –

“I don’t know how” –

“I don’t want to be too pushy” –

“I don’t have the time” –

“I’m afraid of what people will say or do” –

“I don’t know enough” –

“It’s someone else’s job” –

“I’m letting my light shine” –

“I’m involved in other good works” –

“You have to barbeque first” –

“I’ll get to it someday” –

3. The Reality Of Jesus’ Instruction

Why is it important to realize that Jesus has all authority?

How difficult is the process of making disciples – in reality?

Will Jesus help you do the work?