

## Members Notes #15

### Matthew 14:22-33 (Mark 6:45-52)

#### Peter messes up again?

**TONIGHT'S PURPOSE** To learn God's attitude towards mistakes and failures. We shouldn't let fear of them keep us from doing something significant for Jesus. Instead we should attempt great things for Him and allow mistakes and failures to be catalysts for improvements rather than grounds for giving up or worse; keeping us from ever starting in the first place.

#### Read Matthew 14:22-33

#### Food for thought

In World War I Winston Churchill devised a plan to knock Turkey out of the War by attacking the Dardanelles (Gallipoli) from the sea. The campaign was a total failure and many soldiers from Australia and New Zealand were killed before the British withdrew. 200,000 men died, Churchill was sacked from the Admiralty and demoted to being an infantry commander on the Western Front. However, 20 years later he became the Prime Minister that led the UK successfully through World War II. It makes one cringe to think what might have happened if Churchill had decided to quit after having made such a mistake.

#### Peter, The Problem Disciple

His impetuous (impulsive, rash, spontaneous, reckless and hot-headed) personality was always getting him into trouble. Once Jesus rebuked him saying, "get out of my way Satan" (Matt 16:21-23). Another time, in the middle of a mighty manifestation of God's power, instead of staying quiet like he should have, he started shouting off his mouth (Luke 9:27-36). In the Garden of Gethsemane, he attempted to cut off someone's head (John 18:10-11 & Matthew 26:50-53). Yet another time, he had an enormous opportunity to witness for Jesus, but instead denied that he even knew Him (Luke 22:54-62). In spite of all Peter's bungling, after Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, in the book of Acts we find that Peter did many \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus in-between a few more \_\_\_\_\_ (See Galatians 2:11-15).

#### QUESTIONS

##### Always In Trouble

- 1 In his 3 years with Jesus, Peter made heaps of mistakes and was told off by Jesus more than all the other disciples? Why do you think that is?

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##### Doing something for God

- 2 While Peter was attempting something great (walking on the water), he didn't get it quite right. Should he have not even have tried? Did Jesus rebuke him for his boldness or something else? The other disciples didn't get told off, were they the smart ones for staying in the boat?

##### Comparison

- 3 Compare Peter with the fearful servant in the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-30. Who is the better man, Peter or the fearful servant? What was the servant afraid of? What is the lesson for us to learn? \_\_\_\_\_

So don't feel sorry for yourselves. Have you forgotten how good parents treat children, and that God regards you as His children? My dear children, don't shrug off God's discipline nor be crushed by it (Hebrews 12:5 MSG).

But don't, dear friend, resent GOD's discipline; don't sulk under his loving correction (Proverbs 3:11 MSG).

#### WORKS TIME

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Remember to pull out your book of life.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget supernatural weekend with Pastor Robin Johnson

**Session 1**      **Sat 11th June:** 9:30am – 12:30pm — Moving in the Gifts of the Holy Spirit  
**Session 2**      **Sun 12th June:** Morning Service 10:00am — Healing service  
**Session 3**      **Sun 12th June:** Evening Service 5:30pm — Baptism of the Holy Spirit