

HOWEVER IT LOOKS
Ordinary Radicals #3
March 10, 2024
Matthew 14:22-33

Big Idea: Ordinary radicals trust and follow Jesus even when it seems _____.

1. Jesus' expectations of us often seem _____.

- We tend to lower the bar on disciple devotion from radical to _____ to _____.

2. Jesus doesn't want us to settle for _____ faith when we need and can have _____ faith in Him.

- Radical faith in Jesus compels us to leave the _____ of our " _____ " to follow Him on _____.
- Radical faith in Jesus equips us to face the _____.

3. Jesus picks us up when our faith _____.

DAILY REFLECTIONS ON RADICALLY FOLLOWING JESUS

Monday

Reflect on Matt. 14:22-33. Has Jesus ever invited you to “get out of the boat” to do something that seemed uncomfortable or unreasonable? John Ortberg says, “If you want to walk on water, you have to get out of the boat.” Jesus didn’t call you to lead a comfortable Christian life but a courageous one (2 Tim. 1:7).

Tuesday

Read Matt. 5:17-48. Which of these seemingly unreasonable commands of Jesus are most challenging for you? Have you dismissed or watered down any of them to make them more reasonable and comfortable for you. Jesus gave this teaching to challenge us not to settle for reasonable obedience but to pursue the radical righteousness of kingdom citizens (v. 20).

Wednesday

Read Matt. 10:1-15. These verses are the beginning of Jesus’ instructions for the apostles’ first mission trip without Jesus. He sent them out to do ridiculously difficult things (v. 8). Is Jesus calling you to do something that is way outside your comfort zone and seems unreasonable for you? If so, He’s treating you like a disciple.

Thursday

Read Matt. 10:16-42. Jesus warns us that following Him will be hard. Is that what you expect about being a follower? Are you settling for reasonable faith and comfortable obedience, or are you pursuing radical faith and courageous obedience? What encouragement does Jesus offer when we step out in faith to boldly live SENT?

Friday

Read Matt. 18:15-35. Why do you think Jesus told us to confront people who sin against us rather than writing them off and avoiding them? To understand verse 17, remember how Jesus treated Gentiles and tax collectors. “Brother” in v. 21 probably refers to other believers. Based on the parable why would Jesus expect us to forgive them over and over? See also John 13:34-35. Go forgive!!

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