CONNECTIONS

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Keyverse

But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."
Matthew 14:27

Try and Trust

Engage series

Try something new and challenging this upcoming ministry year—and trust Jesus in the process.

1. Where do you land when it comes to taking risks? Choose one and share a recent example.

   - ☐ *I'll try anything once!*
   - ☐ *I stay as far away from the edge as possible.*
   - ☐ *I'm somewhere between risk-taker and risk-avoider.*

2. Read Matthew 14:22-33. Where do you think Peter fits on the risk-taker to risk-avoider spectrum? What was he thinking anyway?! Why do you think Peter would ask Jesus to tell him to come to Him on the water?

3. Peter shows us that, when we focus on our circumstances, our trust in the Lord wavers and we begin to sink. Think of a time that happened to you. Why do we struggle with this?

4. Pastor Dan said one way to strengthen our trust in God is to remember what He has done for us in the past—how He provided, how He protected, how He guided or encouraged. Share an example.

5. What do you think God might want you to try—and trust? What would be a stretch of faith and out of your comfort zone? What is your step of faith this year?

   - ☐ Pray out loud
   - ☐ Read the Bible on my own
   - ☐ Deal with what is holding me/us back personally and spiritually
   - ☐ Join a Community Group
   - ☐ Serve others in the church by _____
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   - ☐ Other _____