

**Title:** Calling, career or comfort?  
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**a: Matthew 14:25-32**

<sup>25</sup> Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup> And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>28</sup> And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." <sup>29</sup> So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup> And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

**b: Comfort zone**

- Career?
- A career is something I choose for myself, a calling comes from God.
- Partnering with God.
- Joseph.

**Genesis 50:20**

<sup>20</sup> But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

**c: Look for Jesus' call**

**Mark 6:48**

<sup>48</sup> Then He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them. Now about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea, and would have passed them by.

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- Hunger and thirst for His Presence.

**Matthew 5:6**

<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

**Hebrews 12:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**d: Cost involved**

- Cost of getting out of the boat: Risk of Potential failure, embarrassment, criticism and even death.
- Overcoming fear.
- Calling comes in the middle of fear.

**e: Trust**

**Proverbs 3:5**

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;

**Psalm 118:9**

<sup>9</sup> It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

**f. Confidence**

“Little faith” – a faith that lacks confidence or trusts too little.