

## New Life Christian Fellowship

Peter was a fisherman. Impulsive, fiery, rough around the edges. Jesus spotted his potential to be a “fisher of men”.

In the famous account where Jesus walks on water, Peter is the only one to get out of the boat: “...**Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him.**” (Matthew 14:22-33)

Peter doubted, but at least he stepped out. The others simply missed out!

God wants us to “get out of the boat”. Jesus sees our potential too, because we all have a purpose in God’s eyes. But God wants pioneers, not settlers.

When things change, life gets hard, or people are against us; it is easy to hide – doubt creeps in. This is when Jesus reaches out his hand, steadying our lives like a rock in the storm. It is a matter of trust.

Remember, with God all things are possible ([Mark 10:27](#)).

**Jesus said: “the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” (John 10)**

God can not be contained. God’s ways are not like ours, so we can not rely on our own understanding. We may wonder why things are so hard, but we can choose to trust that God wants what is best for us, is always with us, leading the way.

After Jesus was crucified, and Peter had denied knowing him three times, Peter said: **“I’m going fishing.” (John 21)**

Had he lost hope, perhaps he felt a failure? Do you feel like a failure too? No one is a failure in Jesus’ eyes. We all make mistakes; these will not stop God from using us in his plans, but burying our potential talents will.

Jesus met Peter afterwards and gave him the job of looking after his people. With his hope restored, no longer afraid of consequences, Peter spoke out to thousands; becoming the fisher of men Jesus knew him to be.

Jesus knows our potential; he is waiting for us on the water.

(The Word shared by Pastor Andrew Williams:  
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