

The Vineyard Church of Conroe Raymond McDonald December 31, 2017

Sermon Notes

But we all, with unveiled faces, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Corinthians 3:18 NKJV

Walking Out the Call of God <u>WILL FIND US ALWAYS</u> <u>MEETING NEW CHALLENGES IN THE KINGDOM</u>

I. Matthew 14-25-30 NLT - Fear

²⁵ About three o'clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, "It's a ghost!" ²⁷ But Jesus spoke to them at once. "Don't be afraid," he said. "Take courage. I am here!" ²⁸ Then Peter called to him, "Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water." ²⁹ "Yes, come," Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted.

We Stop walking <u>OUT OF FEAR</u> but God's Glory <u>INSPIRES</u> <u>CONFIDENCE</u>

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7

II. Matthew 14:31-33 NLT

³¹ Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him. "You have so little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?" ³² When they climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped.³³ Then the disciples worshiped him. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed.

We Stop walking <u>OUT OF DESIRE FOR COMFORT</u> but God's Glory <u>EMPOWERS US TO TAKE RISKS</u>

The lazy person claims, "There's a lion out there! If I go outside, I might be killed!" Proverbs 22:13 NLT

III. Luke 9:59-60 - Priorities/Commitment

⁵⁹ He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

We Stop walking <u>BECAUSE OUR PRIORITIES ARE</u> <u>MISALIGNED</u> but God's Glory <u>REALIGNS US</u>

IV. Ecclesiastes 1:13b-14

^{13b} What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! ¹⁴ I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

We Stop walking <u>OUT OF CYNICISM</u> but God's Glory <u>PROVIDES HOPE</u>

V. <u>Romans 13:8</u>

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

We Stop walking <u>DUE TO FINANCIAL NEED</u> but God's Glory <u>SUPPLIES THE RESOURCES</u>

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. Philippians 4:19-20 ESV

VI. Isaiah 40:30-31 - Health/Exhaustion

³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; ³¹ but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

We Stop walking <u>OUT OF EXHAUSTION</u> but God's Glory <u>GIVE</u> <u>US THE ENERGY TO RUN</u>

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. 2 Timothy 4:7-8