



**TAKE A RISK!**



# God Will Challenge Our Faith

**Mark 6:45-48**

***45 Immediately Jesus MADE his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. 46 After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray. 47 When evening came, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. 48 HE SAW the disciples straining at the oars because the wind was against them.***

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- **Jesus pushes His disciples.**
- **Jesus pushes His disciples beyond their capabilities!**

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***Mark 6:47-48***

***47 When evening came, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. 48 HE SAW the disciples straining at the oars because the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night, he went out to them, walking on the lake.***

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# When God Challenges Our Faith, We Have Lessons to Learn

- **I AM God**
- **I AM with you**

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A hiker in a red jacket and blue pants with a backpack is walking on a large, stacked rock formation. The background shows a vast landscape with rolling green hills and a cloudy sky.

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*Mark 6:48*

*He went out to them, walking on the lake. He was  
about to **PASS BY** them*

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***Mark 6:49-50***

***<sup>49</sup> but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, <sup>50</sup> because they all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”***

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A person wearing a red jacket and a backpack is standing on a large, dark, craggy rock formation. The background shows a vast, hazy landscape with rolling hills and a sky filled with large, white, fluffy clouds. The overall scene conveys a sense of adventure and challenge.

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- **I AM God**
- **I AM with you**
- **Don't be afraid**

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***Matthew 14:28-33***

***28 “Lord, if it’s you, tell me to come to YOU on the water.” 29 “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.***

***30 But when he SAW the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” 31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”***

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*Matthew 14:28-33*

*<sup>32</sup> And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”*

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# This Story Provokes Me!

- **Our Father is kind, But He is not nice.**
- **Reject the status quo.**
- **Take a risk.**

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