

# REFINERY ROUNDTABLE

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## Topic & Scripture:

### “Take Courage”

- “But Jesus spoke to them at once. “Don’t be afraid, he said. Take courage I am here”  
~ Matthew 14:27 (NLT)

### “Walk in Obedience”

- “Yes, come,” Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus.  
~ Matthew 14:29 (NLT)
- “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”  
~ John 10:27 (NLT)

### “Fixate on Jesus”

- “But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. “Save me, Lord!” he shouted.”  
~ Matthew 14:30 (NLT)
- Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path. Don’t get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil.  
~ Proverbs 4:25-27 (NLT)

## Discuss:

Look at each of the scriptures above and discuss the following questions:

- What does God want me to understand with this scripture?
- How does this scripture apply to my current situation?
- What will I do different now that I have understanding?

## Justin's Practical Points

- **Take courage before entering**  
The first thing Jesus tells the disciples is to not be afraid; to be courageous. This was his command BEFORE calling Peter out into the water.
- **Obedience before planning**  
Planning out the future can be incredibly difficult in season of the unknown. Many times God isn’t looking to you for your plan, He’s looking for your obedience. Hearing God’s voice is key to obedience. Lean into Him, know His voice and follow Him. People hear God differently. Take some time to find the avenues in which God speaks to you the most
- **Keep your eyes and heart on him**  
When we find ourselves stepping into the unknown, it is important to stay locked in on God and His Word. Do not scramble to find your own way, fixate your eyes and heart on Him.

## Giving

- In Genesis 26, scripture talks about a time when there was a great famine in the land. There had been a drought for many years, and the people were struggling to survive. God told Isaac to take a step of faith and plant his crops anyway. It didn't make sense. There was no way to water the crops. Isaac could have said, “God - do you realize it hasn't rained in years? Nothing is going to grow.” But instead, Isaac had acted with bold and faith-filled obedience. Scripture says, *“In the midst of the famine, he sowed a seed in the land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the Lord blessed him.”* (Genesis 26:12, NIV)

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