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Liturgical Date: Year A, Pentecost 11, 13th August 2023

Presenter **Rev Gareth Thomas-Burchell**

Focus Reading Matthew 14:22-33

Message 11 minutes 15 seconds

“Get out of the Boat!”

Discussion Starters

- 1** What are the big issues for you in the Bible passage and in this message?
- 2** Recall a time when you had the choice of staying or leaving ‘the harbour’. What happened?
- 3** Are there parallels in this story and situations in the world today?
- 4** What might this story and this message be saying to your congregation at this time?

Lectionary readings for the day

Genesis 37:1-4,12-28 Joseph the favourite and youngest son of his father, is sent by Jacob to go see his brothers as they are grazing flocks. They sell him to a band of Ishmaelites going on a journey to Egypt, thus extending the story of God’s redemption in Israel.

Psalms 105:1-6, 16-25,45b Praise for the memory of God’s actions are connected. The story of Joseph is recalled as affirmation that God persistently acts on behalf of the least.

Romans 12:1-8 Paul asserts, “The word is near you; in your mouth and in your heart” (v8). The salvation of God is announced by sent ones who “announce the good news” (v15).

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All Age Message: Rev Gareth Thomas-Burchell **“Making Cheese : about Trust and Faith.”**

Length 3 minutes 50 seconds

Precis of AAM

To make milk into cheese one must trust the process, trust that what people have told you is correct and that you have all the right ingredients to complete the process. To get a good result it is about faith and trust. The disciples needed to keep their eyes on Jesus and to have faith and trust in what he required them to do. The same is for all of us now.

Resources: Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 105:1-6, 16-25. 45b page 325-326.

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