

Pentecost 11 Year A, August 9th 2026

Presenter: Pastor Richard Moors

Focus Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

Message: 6 minutes 20 seconds

"Stepping Out on The Water"

Discussion Starters

1. I wonder what stood out for you from what the speaker said?
2. I wonder if you have had an experience when you have stepped out in ministry and felt like you started to sink?
3. I wonder what activity God is calling your church to step out of the boat and do?
4. I wonder where God is active in the community around you and if he is calling you to join him?

Readings for this day

Genesis 37:1-4,12-28 Joseph, the favourite and youngest, is sent by Jacob to his brother's who are grazing flocks. They sell him to a group going to Egypt, thus extending the story of God's redemption of Israel.

Psalms 105: 1-6 Praise for and memory of God's actions are connected. Joseph's story is recalled as affirmation that God acts on behalf of the least.

Romans 10:5-15 Paul asserts, the word is near in your heart and mouth. God's salvation is for those who announce the good news.

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Intergenerational Talk

"Grover Goes Swimming"

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Length: 2 minutes 5 seconds

Precis of IT:

Grover struggles with learning to swim – he tends to sink in the water and not stay on top! The Bible has a similar event when Jesus called Peter to do what he thought was impossible – walk on the stormy water! With Jesus as his focus he found he could do the impossible but once he stopped focussing - he sank. Jesus was there to rescue him when that occurred.

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 105:1-6 – pages 325-326

Pastor Richard Moors.

I am married to Kylie and with a 15-year-old son. I enjoy reading, music and cross stitch. I really love Doctor Who and have a huge collection of books, DVDs and CDs. I am the Children's and Family Consultant for the Hunter Presbytery. I have been in this position for a little over a year now, having spent time in ministry in Brisbane, the Upper Hunter and Belmont. I love supporting ministry with young people and helping churches to think how they connect with people around them. I will be moving to 3P.