# Wet Feet Water Walkers – Sermon Notes

Message by Lana Vasquez – Life Impact International Main Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

## I. Introduction

- Lana Vasquez's story of saying "yes" to God and how it transformed her life and countless others.
- Key theme: "There are always faces on the other side of your yes."
- Overview of Life Impact International: rescue and prevention work in Thailand, Burma, and Brazil.

## **II. Key Scriptures**

- 1. **Matthew 14:22-33** Peter walking on water.
- 2. **Psalm 127:3-5** Children as arrows in the hand of a warrior.
- 3. **Hebrews 12:2** Jesus endured the cross for the joy set before Him.

## **III. Main Points**

### 1. The Power of a Single Yes (Psalm 127:3-5)

- Lana's first yes to God at age 24 a two-month trip turned into 24 years of ministry.
- "Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth." (Psalm 127:3-4)
- Saying yes impacts generations: "Our yes doesn't just change us—it impacts others."

#### 2. Faces on the Other Side of Your Yes (Hebrews 12:2)

- The rescue story of Quan a 3-year-old girl saved from being sold.
- Jesus endured the cross for the joy set before Him, seeing the faces on the other side of His yes:

"Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:2)

Each yes to God's call affects real lives and stories.

#### 3. Stepping Out of the Boat (Matthew 14:28-29)

- Peter's example of faith trusting Jesus' word "Come."
   "And Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.'
  He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to
  Jesus." (Matthew 14:28-29)
- Jesus did not calm the storm first—His word was greater than the waves.
- Fear and distraction cause us to sink, but Jesus' hand is always immediate: "Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Matthew 14:31)

#### 4. Continuous Obedience (James 2:17)

- Saying yes is not one-time; it's a lifestyle of obedience.
- "So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." (James 2:17)
- "The yes of yesterday won't carry you into tomorrow."
- Renewing your yes when it gets hard or when fear tries to stop you.

## IV. Key Quotes from Lana

- "Sometimes I look at these children and think, What if I hadn't said yes? What if fear or excuses had kept me from stepping out of the boat?"
- "God's miracles are on the other side of our obedience."
- "Jesus' word is stronger than any wave or storm in our lives."

### V. Personal Reflection Questions

- 1. What "boat" of comfort is God asking you to step out of?
- 2. What excuses or fears hold you back from saying yes?
- 3. Who might be waiting on the other side of your obedience?
- 4. How does Peter's story encourage you to trust Jesus in a deeper way?

# VI. Action Steps for the Week

- Read and meditate on Matthew 14:22-33. Identify what speaks to you about Peter's faith and Jesus' response.
- Pray: Ask God to show you your next yes.
- **Journal**: Write down the names, faces, or opportunities that might be on the other side of your obedience.
- Act: Take a step this week—serve, give, pray, or share your story—as an act of obedience.

# VII. Additional Study Verses

- Isaiah 6:8 "Here I am, send me."
- Luke 5:4-6 "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."
- Hebrews 11:6 "Without faith, it is impossible to please God."

Use these notes as a foundation for deeper study and prayer, reflecting on the faith it takes to live as a "wet feet water walker."