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"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you in the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

Matthew 14:28-29

R I D I C U L O U S

Below are some of the ridiculous things; add to this list some things that you've witnessed.

Ridiculous #1

Believe It or Not!, an American vegetarian held 11 Madagascan Hissing Cockroaches in his mouth for ten seconds to beat the world record. Previously, the record was only nine of the two-to-three inch insects. Mr. Fessler, the champ, is no stranger to the bugs: he owns over 1,000 as pets! Ewww.

Ridiculous #2

Ridiculous #3

Lizardman gets all twisted up in his famous "Corkscrew" trick at the London Gala, where he twists a long curly metal rod up his nose and out his mouth. ~ "He says it doesn't hurt, but COME ON...it's a metal rod up your nose, PEOPLE!"

Ridiculous #4

Ridiculous #5

A man is on a boat with eleven of his other friends. It's late in the night, they are exhausted, all they want is to get to the other side of the lake. Then out of nowhere one of their other friends catches up to them, actually passes them and comes back. But he's not on the boat, dude, he's walking on water. One of the guys, Peter says "tell me to come to you on the water." His friend Jesus says, "Come." And Peter gets out of the boat and walks towards Jesus.

You're probably thinking there's no way that these stories are true. Well, people eat roaches all the time, no one you and I may know personally but people do. And with technology people fly like airplanes. Ridiculously people jump out of planes and cliffs and they land perfectly safe with the right training and gear. The corkscrew thing... well crazy people do that kind of stuff all the time. I wouldn't and I wouldn't recommend you do but people sticks things up their noses and call it talent. Then there's the Lakers' seats, we see it with all the big selling sports teams. And the most ridiculous of them all is the story of the two guys in the middle of the lake walking on water. There is technology to fly but I haven't heard of one where we can walk on water. There are many that have been invented that would allow people to swim very far, even across oceans but to walk, that's just not possible.

What would possess a man to do something so impossible?

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a: reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something

b: one in which confidence is placed

How do you build _____?

By investing in __L__T___S_I__S

If you want to take any _____ to the NEXT LEVEL you've it is important to build _____. At this point in their _____, Peter knew that Jesus would never leave him hanging. He knew that if Jesus said "Come" he would be there to meet him.



Jesus is calling us into a relationship. He wants us to get to know him and he wants to get to know us. He wants so deeply for us to tell him what is most important to us, our deepest concerns, our greatest joys, and our sorrows. It is only when we take our relationship to the Next Level that trust can be built. A Next Level kind of relationship is built on strong trust the kind that allows us to let go, fall back in his arms and do what he has called us to do with no reservations. It is only when we have that kind of relationship that we will do what seems so ridiculous to the rest of the world... to walk on water and follow Jesus.

WHERE IS JESUS CALLING YOU TO FOLLOW HIM?

WHAT IS HE ASKING YOU DO?

WILL THIS RELATIONSHIP MAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL?

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