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LAW #1: The Law Of The Jacket

(If you're ready to get out of the boat and walk on water, here's how)

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"Immediately after this, Jesus told his disciples to get into their boat and cross to the other side of the lake while he stayed to get the people started home. Then afterwards he went up into the hills to pray. Night fell, and out on the lake the disciples were in trouble. For the wind had risen and they were fighting heavy seas. About four o'clock in the morning Jesus came to them, walking on the water! They screamed in terror, for they thought he was a ghost. But Jesus immediately spoke to them, reassuring them. 'Don't be afraid!' he said. Then Peter called to him: 'Sir, if it is really you, tell me to come over to you, walking on the water.' 'All right,' the Lord said, 'come along!' So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he looked around at the high waves, he was terrified and began to sink. 'Save me, Lord!' he shouted. Instantly Jesus reached out his hand and rescued him. 'O man of little faith,' Jesus said. 'Why did you doubt me?' And when they had climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. The others sat there, awestruck. 'You really are the Son of God!' they exclaimed."
(Mat 14:22-33 TLB)

- **LAW #1: Everyone wears a lifejacket. No exceptions!**

"The LORD Almighty has a day in store for all the proud and lofty, for all that is exalted (and **THEY WILL BE HUMBLLED**)" (Isaiah 2:12 NIV)

Life is like water-skiing because

Water represents the "**both/and**" nature of all life.

"Jumping out of the boat, Peter walked on the water to Jesus. But when he *looked down at the waves churning beneath his feet*, he lost his nerve and started to sink"

The boat represents **power and direction**.

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The rope is your **lifeline**.

Skiing is your **objective**.

The jacket is your **security**.

The myths that sink our lives

I don't need a jacket, I **know these waters**.

I don't need a jacket, I **can swim**.

In the unlikely event I do need a jacket, **any jacket will do**.

"Then he told them this story: 'The farm of a certain rich man produced a terrific crop. He talked to himself: "What can I do? My barn isn't big enough for this harvest." Then he said, "Here's what I'll do: I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll gather in all my grain and good; and I'll say to myself, Self, you've done well! You've got it made and can now retire. Take it easy and have the time of your life!" 'Just then God showed up and said, "Fool! Tonight you die. And your barnful of goods—who gets it" '**That's what happens when you fill your barn with Self and not with God.**'" (Luke 12:19-21; The MSG)

You need a jacket because . . .

Like life, the water gets dangerous **without warning**.

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."
(John 16:33; NIV)

Your skill and stamina will **fail you eventually**.

You will need saving **over and over again**.

You won't really lean into life without **a sense of security**.

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