

# The Road to Here – Rough Road Ahead

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## Community:

1. What has been the scariest and/or craziest thing you've done in your life? How did things turn out?
2. When you look at your life, have things turned out like you planned? What has (or hasn't) exactly turned out the way you hoped or expected?

## Core:

1. When it comes to focusing on (and following) what God says is a better way for your life, would you consider yourself confident or skeptical in that working out for you? Why?
2. Jim Burgen talked about running our lives through a *filter*; so that we don't lose a good thing or see something better for our lives. Do you have a filter? How would you describe it, and how has it worked for you?
3. Do you have areas where you've tried to make positive changes in your life? Were you successful in making those changes? Why or why not?

4. Last week we looked at three steps to build a new strategy or filter for life...

**Step 1:** I have to have a reality check. *"You are Here"*

**Step 2:** Faith - This is what Jesus says is true about this area in my life.

**Step 3:** Repent - I need to rethink this part of my life and move closer to what God says is true and better.

Which of the 3 is naturally easy for you? Which one will be the most difficult? Why?

5. **Read Matthew 14:22-30.** What will you do if a storm hits your life and you don't see a way out? How can you move closer to Jesus, rather than further away?
6. Jim pointed out the consistency...both in stories from the Bible and stories from our lives today...for people following Jesus to struggle and fail continuously—to hit a **roadblock**. What comes to mind for you when you reflect on the fact that following Jesus doesn't mean constant glory and success, but rather, lots of mistakes and failures along the way?

## Challenge:

When you make big changes in life, your marriage, your parenting, your finances, and at work remember: It will be hard. Changing anything important in your life creates more waves, and more storms. The thing that changes everything is when you keep your eyes on Jesus. He is the one who makes all things possible in your life.

*What next steps do you need to take this week to remind yourself Jesus makes impossible things possible in your life?*