

## **“I Don’t Wait Anymore” chapter 10 study outline**

Let’s face it — we like to know what’s coming, and we like for it to go our way. But often (in fact, very often) that’s just not what happens—nor is it what we need. What we feel is best for us is to be in control, and what God feels is best for us is to trust Him as we walk into the unknown.

So how do we do that? What does it look like to build a relationship with God where you know Him and trust Him even when you don’t understand what’s happening?

### **Read Matthew 13:22-33.**

- It’s likely this story is familiar to you, but what a perfect example of what it looks like to trust Jesus (or not trust Him) as we step into the unknown. What in the text do we see is the key to Peter’s ability to walk forward? What evidence do you see of that in your own life?
- Can you remember a time when God asked you to walk forward into an uncertain future? How did you respond?

### **Read Matthew 17:1-7.**

- When Peter saw Jesus on the water, he knew one thing — he wanted to go to Him. And when he saw Jesus on the mountain surrounded by Moses and Elijah, he knew this — *it was good to be there*.
- Just like us, Peter wasn’t perfect. But what can we learn from the way he reacts to Jesus?
- We’ve seen Peter respond this way a lot — to want to spend more time in the presence of Jesus, wherever that might be. When we looked at John 21 in the chapter 1 study, we saw Peter jump out of the boat to swim to the shore just to get where Jesus (even though the boat would’ve gotten him there not too long after). He just couldn’t wait to get there.

What we find is that as we see Jesus in His Word, we know Him. And as we know Him, we love Him. And as we love Him, we trust Him and want to be where He is. Even if we don’t do it perfectly, we get to a point where know that we want to be where God is, even if it’s in the storm. And even if we step out on shaky legs, we want to learn to walk toward Him.

### **Questions for discussion:**

- How’s your week been this week? Have you spent time in the Word? Do you feel like you know God a little better than you did last week from what you’re reading?
- If so, how’s that changing your perspective? If not, what can you do to start putting that in practice this week? (If you need some suggestions, check out the “Seriously, Though — How Do I Do This?” section on page 231 of IDWA.)
- What’s one way you can remind yourself to trust God with the unknown this week?