

Step out of the Boat!

Person (P) in a boat: What do you think of my boat? Very stable in the water. Big deep keel, as you can see; stops me tipping over. I feel very safe as I cruise around these tropical islands... Hang on, that looks like a person on that tiny little rocky island. What are they doing there? They're waving at me. Oh...hello. Actually, I reckon they're in trouble. They're waving for help. Ohh, I don't know what I can do. If I try to bring this boat in to where they are, the boat will smash on the rocks, and because I have such a deep keel, I wouldn't get close anyway. Unfortunately there's nothing really I can do.

G: Step out of the boat!

P: What, who said that?

G: Step out of the boat!

P: Are you crazy? I'm not going to step out of the boat. I'd sink straight to the bottom.

G: Step out of the boat!

P: Is that you God?

G: Yes. Step out of the boat and go to the person on the island. I intend to rescue them.

P: Well, that's all very well God, but didn't you give me common sense, and doesn't common sense say: 'Don't step out of the boat'?

G: Yes, I give you common sense to look after yourself, but if I call you to do something you can safely put common sense aside. I will hold you up.

P: But hang on God, don't you tell me I should not put you to the test?

G: If you stepped out of the boat without my command you would be testing me. With my command you are obeying me.

P: But God, how can I know you will truly hold me up?

G: There is one way you can know.

P: Yeah, what's that?

G: Step out of the boat.

P: Aww, I should have known you'd say that. ... Ok Lord.

Person puts boat down. Tentatively steps out of boat; closes eyes, holds one hand up, other hand squeezing nostrils, expecting to sink. After few seconds opens eyes, looks around, drops arm, pulls hand off nose. Then realizing he is standing on water, starts strutting around, very proud of himself.

G: Stephen

P: Yes Lord!

G: There's just this small matter of the person on the island needing rescue.

S: Oh, yeah. I'm on to it God. *(heads off to rescue person)*