

## STEPPIN' OUT AND JUST OUT STEPPIN'

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Editor's Note: We all have thoughts – some good - some bad, but nonetheless they are thoughts. Our thoughts should be reflected upon and dealt with biblically (Rom. 12:1-3; Gal. 6:3; Phil. 3:12-17; Phil. 4:8-9; 2 Pet. 3:1, etc.). 'Just Thinkin' Out Loud' (spelling of 'thinkin' is purposeful) is a series of thoughts that are being made public. You may or may not agree with all of the thoughts you read in this series, but it will help all of us to discuss them – out loud. The hope of the author and editors at IIM is that this will assist all of us to begin personal reflection upon our own thoughts and compare them with God's perspective in Holy Scripture. Readers are encouraged to use small discussion groups and/or our RPM forum for any irenic discussion(s) of these specific thoughts and others they may bring about.

My mother, a pilot in past years, has a flying buddy in her women's pilots group who was scared to fly over water - so she did it. She just got out there and flew. My family would be out on the Mississippi River skiing and tanning, and along came Chris in the air flying a few hundred feet over the water. She just addressed her fear and conquered it.

I remember the mother of the character Velvet Brown in the movie "National Velvet." While a younger woman, she swam the English Channel. She recalled to Velvet that she nearly drowned one time, but she later ended up swimming the 16 miles to France.

Sometimes fear is a mirage, stretch of something we think we see, but sometimes a negative self-image, or other fear, tries to make it real for us. Once we dare to go forward, to step out, we keep stepping and find it's not there. What kind of mirage is keeping you from going after what you really want? Be careful, go slowly, but GO! Pretty soon you'll see that steppin' out becomes just out steppin'. Try it!

Tell me what you think, I'm just thinkin' out loud.

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