

Aug. 4th



UNSTOPPABLE GRACE

Sep. 15th







The older you get the harder it is to courageously follow Jesus.







The older you get the more of a necessity it is to courageously follow Jesus.

Today:

How do I follow Jesus when I'm so filled with FEAR?



"Fear is a big deal in the story of God and us. In fact the commandment repeated most is 'fear not.' Sometimes our fears are rational, other times irrational. But no matter what kind of fear it is, it always affects us."

Louie Giglio

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on the shore, left everything and followed him.

Luke 5: 11

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Simon Peter is very slow in fully embracing Jesus' call to 'follow me.'



"they left everything"=

"they left everything" = Everything that hindered or kept an individual from following Jesus

"Follow me," Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.

Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them."

Luke 5:28-29

Transferable principle:

Every day, Jesus is still inviting you and me to follow him for the sake of reaching other individuals.

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1. Fear doesn't always look like fear.

2. Fear often comes from our desire to control preferred outcomes.

3. Following Jesus is first about surrendering to WHO he is as the Son of God, then about WHAT he asks us to do.

"Because YOU say so, I will do it."

Who is Jesus...

He is perfect in

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He is mighty in

Jesus- "Follow me"

Who is Jesus...

He is perfect in LOVE

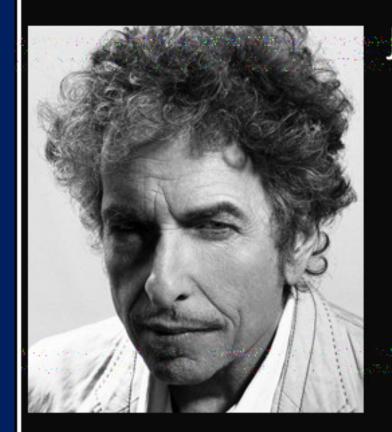
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Jesus tapped me on the shoulder and said, Bob, why are you resisting me? I said, I'm not resisting you! He said, You gonna follow me? I said, I've never thought about that before! He said, When you're not following me, you're resisting me.

(Bob Dylan)

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To Do:

Make a list of probable and possible fears that may keep you from following Jesus at this stage of your life.

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Make a list of all the promises that God has given you to help you overcome those fears.

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When you feel fear coming on, focus on and go forward by faith in the promises of God!

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