



REFLECTIONS

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Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

Mark 10:21

Moving Day

"What shall I do!" It's a common cry when something ends, and those initial frightening steps move us toward a new beginning. New beginnings call for life decisions that lead to moving day.

The Apostles all faced a moving day. Though the Bible does not address it, Peter, James and John must have faced challenges as they chose to walk away from their boats to become fishers of men. Maybe Jesus' invitation was so compelling that it did not produce a second thought, but not likely. These three were called to walk away from their families and from the tradition and security of the family business. They were called to step into a new life even without knowing where it would take them. They did not recognize it at the time, but through his Son, God looked them straight in the eye and said, "Follow me." Something in their hearts told them to do it.

We all face the moving days in our lives, though we may not recognize God's voice speaking to us; and we may not even understand what He is saying. We have eyes but cannot see. We have ears but cannot hear. Some of those times we choose to close our eyes and cover our ears to avoid the painful realities of change. Sometimes changes shut doors our desires; sometimes doors open to places we would rather not go; and oftentimes they follow a path with no clear destination at all. Sometimes they require an exchange of cherished treasures for things we cannot see.

Hearing God is never easy and his chosen destination for us is seldom clear. So, when a moving day comes, find in a quiet unhurried place to listen to your life in prayer. Look at where you are and what brought you there. Look at the giftedness you were given, the experiences you have had, and how they prepared you for something new. You will feel Christ's love and hear his words, "Follow me."

And something in your heart will tell you to do it.

You are the light of the world,

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