

5-Day Devotional: The Journey of Dangerous Discipleship

Day 1: Meeting Jesus Where You Are

Reading: Luke 5:1-11

Devotional: Peter was a fisherman who had worked all night with nothing to show for it. Yet when Jesus entered his boat and told him to cast his nets again, everything changed. Jesus didn't wait for Peter to clean up his life or achieve spiritual maturity—He met him right where he was, in his failure and exhaustion. When Peter recognized Jesus' power, he fell to his knees saying, "I'm too much of a sinner." But Jesus responded with grace: "Don't be afraid. Follow Me." Your journey as a disciple begins not with perfection, but with encountering Christ in your present reality. He sees your failures, your weariness, your unworthiness—and He still calls you to follow. Today, acknowledge where you truly are and invite Jesus into that space.

Reflection Question: Where in your life do you need to let Jesus meet you today, just as you are?

Day 2: All Authority, All Presence

Reading: Matthew 28:18-20

Devotional: Jesus declares He has been given all authority in heaven and earth—over death, sin, darkness, and every challenge you face. This isn't a distant king making empty promises; this is the resurrected Savior commissioning His church. Notice the bookends of this Great Commission: it begins with "all authority" and ends with "I am with you always." Between these promises lies our calling—to make disciples. We're not sent out alone or in our own strength. The One with all authority never leaves us. When

you feel inadequate for the calling, remember: His presence makes you sufficient. When the task seems impossible, remember: He who commands also accompanies. Your discipleship journey isn't about your ability—it's about His authority and His abiding presence.

Reflection Question: In what area of obedience do you need to remember that Jesus' authority and presence go with you?

Day 3: From Coward to Courageous

Reading: Acts 4:1-13

Devotional: The transformation of Peter is stunning. The man who denied Jesus three times now stands before the same religious leaders who crucified Christ, boldly proclaiming, "There is salvation in no one else!" What changed? Peter had been with Jesus—not just physically, but through the process of discipleship, failure, restoration, and being filled with the Holy Spirit. The council recognized these were "ordinary men with no special training" who had "been with Jesus." Discipleship doesn't make you extraordinary in yourself; it makes Christ extraordinary in you. The world doesn't need more talented Christians—it needs more people who have genuinely been with Jesus. Time with Him transforms cowards into the courageous, the ordinary into the effective, the fearful into the bold.

Reflection Question: What evidence exists in your life that you've "been with Jesus"? What needs to change for that to be more visible?

Day 4: Loving God With Everything

Reading: Mark 12:28-34

Devotional: When asked about the greatest commandment, Jesus didn't hesitate: Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. This isn't

partial devotion or Sunday-morning religion—it's total surrender. Discipleship trains us in this all-consuming love, teaching us to keep Christ in the place only He deserves. Your connection to Christ is the foundation of everything else. Without it, all religious activity becomes empty ritual. With it, everything transforms—your decisions, your relationships, your purpose. The call isn't to add Jesus to your life like a helpful accessory; it's to reorganize your entire existence around Him. This requires intentionality, accountability, and the help of others further down the path. Don't settle for knowing about God—pursue knowing God deeply, intimately, completely.

Reflection Question: What currently competes with Christ for first place in your heart? What would it look like to love Him with "all" today?

Day 5: Multiplying Disciples

Reading: John 1:35-46

Devotional: Notice the beautiful pattern: John points two disciples to Jesus. They follow and spend time with Him. Andrew immediately finds Peter and brings him to Jesus. Philip finds Nathanael and declares, "We found the Messiah!" This is discipleship in motion—encountering Christ, being changed, and immediately helping others meet Him too. Jesus never intended for disciples to hoard their faith. The Great Commission is for all believers, not just professional ministers. As you've been discipled, disciple others. As you've encountered Jesus, help others encounter Him. You don't need all the answers or perfect theology—you just need to say, "Come and see." The world changes not through massive crowds, but through faithful disciples making more disciples. Who has God placed in your life to invest in? The journey isn't complete until you're pouring into others what's been poured into you.

Reflection Question: Who is one person God is calling you to intentionally disciple or introduce to Jesus? What's your first step?

Closing Challenge: Discipleship isn't a program—it's a lifestyle of following Jesus and helping others do the same. Will you be part of the crowd that merely observes, or will you be a disciple who transforms the world? The choice is yours. Make it today.