

**Mid-Week Devotional**  
**Looking For a Few Good Men**

**Read Mark 1:16-20** *“Immediately they left their nets and followed him” Mk 1:18*



Have you ever noticed that all throughout our biblical history, God’s people were always on the move? Adam and Eve were on the move, from Eden into the hard desert land that surrounded it. Moses and the Israelites were on the move as they followed God from Egypt to the Promised Land, a journey that would take 40 years. Abraham and Sarah had to leave everything they had known for the past 79 years to live in a place as strangers, so God could work His miracles through them. In fact, if you noticed, it is only when the Israelites settle down that they find themselves getting into trouble. Even Jesus was constantly on the move. He traveled around the countryside never staying in one place very long. This is because ministry happens on the move.

Our lives in Christ are no different, for if we are truly following Jesus, then we also are on the move. The drama of our lives is played out not on one stage but on many. This moving may find its shape in the changes of our careers, our health, our relationships, or even come with the challenges of simply getting older. All this leaves us with a choice. We can either follow Jesus to the new place He is leading us to, or we can stay put, dwelling on the way things used to be. However, choose carefully, otherwise, you might just find yourself losing sight of your Savior as He disappears around the bend in the road up ahead; for He is always on the move.

Simon, Andrew and the first disciples were always waiting for Jesus to settle down. We too, would often like Jesus to settle down, so that we can catch up. We want Him to settle down in what He is doing in our lives, in our families, in our relationships, and even in our churches. It never fails, just when we think we have it all figured out, things are going well, and our lives are on autopilot, Jesus decides it is time to move on. This always presents us with a question, “Will I follow Him?” The Bible is clear, if you want to be a disciple of Christ, you must follow Him. Jesus said to Simon and Andrew “come, follow me.” He did not say, stay put and when I come this way again, we’ll hook up! Nor did Jesus, you will notice, invite them to tarry at His house, or Himself at theirs...Jesus was on the move; He had a mission and He was looking for a few good men that would follow! Where Jesus is, ministry happens. The point in following Jesus is not to get to a new place, rather the point to following Jesus is to simply follow Jesus. In this way, we learn that our identity comes not in where we are, or even in what we are doing, but rather in the One who is leading us.

So if God has been stirring things up in your life lately, it could mean that He is ready to hit the road again. The only choice for you then, is to decide if you will follow Him. In the words of the country western singer Toby Keith, “...you better pack up and go with her (or in this case, Him.)”

*Dear Jesus, help me to follow you, help me to keep up when the road gets demanding and terrain seems impassable. Send Your Spirit upon me that I may never be content unless I am on the move, following You. And being on the move, may I along the way, always be ready to do Your will wherever You may lead. In Jesus name, Amen.*