

Day 3: Leave the Nets Behind

Devotional

When Jesus called Peter and Andrew, they did not ask for a week to think it over. They left their nets immediately. Those nets were not just tools. They were their livelihood, their identity, and their security. Leaving them behind was not a small thing.

Following Jesus has always required leaving something behind. For some people, it is a relationship that pulls them away from God. For others, it is pride, comfort, or a plan they have been gripping tightly. Whatever it is, Jesus asks us to open our hands.

Surrender is not a popular word. We want the blessings without the obedience. We want the destination without the journey. But real discipleship means saying, Lord, You drive. Your will, not mine. Your timing, not mine. Your purpose, not mine.

Here is the truth that makes surrender worth it. Whatever following Jesus costs you, not following Him costs infinitely more. The nets the disciples left behind were temporary. What they gained by following Jesus changed the entire world.

What are you holding onto today that Jesus might be asking you to release? The thing you are gripping the tightest might be the very thing standing between you and the life He has for you.

Bible Verse

'And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.' - Mark 8:34-37

Reflection Question

What is one thing you are holding onto that you sense God has been asking you to surrender?

Quote

Following Jesus means saying, Lord, you drive. Your will, not mine. Your way, not mine. Your timing, not mine. Your purpose, not mine.

Prayer

Lord, I confess that surrender is hard. Help me to trust You enough to open my hands and release what I have been holding too tightly. I choose Your will over my own today. Amen.