

Day 2: Come As You Are, But Not to Stay That Way

Devotional

There is a phrase that gets misunderstood sometimes. Come as you are. It is true, and it is a beautiful invitation. Jesus does not require you to clean yourself up before you come to Him. He meets you right where you are.

But that is only half of the story.

When Jesus called His disciples, He did not leave them the same. He transformed them. The fishermen became leaders. The tax collector became a gospel writer. The zealot became a man of peace. Coming to Jesus is the beginning of a journey, not the destination.

Following Jesus means you bring everything you are to Him, and then you let Him start shaping you into who He created you to be. That process is not always comfortable. It involves letting go of old habits, old mindsets, and sometimes old versions of yourself that you have grown attached to.

But here is the encouragement. He does not ask you to change yourself. He asks you to follow Him, and He does the changing. Your job is to stay close. His job is to transform. Trust the process, even when it feels slow. He is not finished with you yet.

Bible Verse

'When Jesus said, follow me, He is saying, come as you are, but don't expect to remain as you are.'

Reflection Question

What is one area of your life where you sense God is calling you to grow, but you have been resistant to change?

Quote

When Jesus says, follow me, He is saying, come as you are, but don't expect to remain as you are.

Prayer

Jesus, I come to You just as I am. I trust You to shape me into who You created me to be. Give me the courage to surrender the parts of myself I have been holding back. Amen.