

Sacred Space Leaving & Following

PREPARATION

And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. Colossians 2:5-7

CONFESSION

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down,
especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. Hebrews 12:1

ADORATION and GRATITUDE

Then I heard a loud voice shouting across the heavens,
**"It has come at last—salvation and power
and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ.
For the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down to earth—
the one who accuses them before our God day and night.**" Revelation 12:10

MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION—John 1:14-20*

Later on, after John was arrested, Jesus went into Galilee, where he preached God's Good News. "The time promised by God has come at last!" he announced. "The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!"

IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY

Read	Slowly, several times.
Reflect	How do I relate to this?
Respond	What is my next step of obedience?
Rest	Receive God's healing and renewal.

One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" And they left their nets at once and followed him.

A little farther up the shore Jesus saw Zebedee's sons, James and John, in a boat repairing their nets. He called them at once, and they also followed him, leaving their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired men.

ANCHORING PRAYER

"I will follow you immediately."

REVIEW OF THE HEART

- *What "nets" have I dropped immediately in order to respond to Jesus?*
- *What "nets" am I not so willing to let go of?*

WISDOM

- The path of life leads upward for the wise; they leave the grave behind. Proverbs 15:24
- Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. Galatians 5:25
- "To be a follower of the Crucified Christ means, sooner or later, a personal encounter with the cross. And the cross always entails loss." Elisabeth Elliot
- "The true follower of Christ will not ask, 'If I embrace this truth, what will it cost me?' Rather he will say, 'This is truth. God help me to walk in it, let come what may!'" A.W. Tozer

TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

INTERCESSION *Prayers for the Church, others, and me.*

CLOSING PRAYER

(To be sung)

**I have decided to follow Jesus (3X)
No turning back, no turning back**

**Though I may wonder, still I will follow (3X)
No turning back, no turning back**

**The world behind me, the cross before me (3X)
No turning back, no turning back**

**Though none go with me, still I will follow (3X)
No turning back, no turning back**

Amen.

SACRED SPACE EVERY DAY

Be still and quiet before God.

Be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Speak and act from a listening heart.

Pray for the Sacred Space community.