Space for God I Will Follow You, but...

PREPARATION

Dear friends, I warn you as "temporary residents and foreigners" to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. 1 Peter 2:11

CONFESSION

The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. **No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.** 2 Peter 3:9

WORSHIP

Who are those who fear the Lord?
He will show them the path they should choose.
They will live in prosperity,
and their children will inherit the land. Psalm 25:12-1

MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION—Luke 9:51-62*

As the time drew near for him to ascend to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. He sent messengers ahead to a Samaritan village to prepare for his arrival. But the people of the village did not welcome Jesus because he was on his way to Jerusalem. When James and John saw this, they said to Jesus, "Lord, should we call down fire from heaven to burn them up?" But Jesus turned and rebuked them. So they went on to another village.

IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY

Read	Slowly, several times.
Reflect	What does the text say?
Respond	How does it relate to my life?
Rest	I welcome God's healing and renewal.

As they were walking along, someone said to Jesus, "I will follow you wherever you go."

But Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place even to lay his head."

He said to another person, "Come, follow me."

The man agreed, but he said, "Lord, first let me return home and bury my father."

But Jesus told him, "Let the spiritually dead bury their own dead! Your duty is to go and preach about the Kingdom of God."

Another said, "Yes, Lord, I will follow you, but first let me say good-bye to my family."

But Jesus told him, "Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God."

ANCHORING PRAYER

"*I will follow You Lord.*"

REVIEW OF THE HEART (previous 24 hours)

When was I determined and resolute in seeking God's will?

What part of God's will did I postpone?

WISDOM

"Come, follow Me." -Jesus of Nazareth

But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. Philippians 3:20

Serve only the Lord your God and fear him alone. Obey his commands, listen to his voice, and cling to him. Deuteronomy 13:4

TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

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

BENEDICTION

You made me; you created me.
Now give me the sense to follow your commands.
Show me the right path, O Lord;
point out the road for me to follow.

Amen

Psalm 119:73, Psalm 25:4

SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.
Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and
Speak and act from a listening heart.
Actively serve in community with others.

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