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Open Invitation For All Generations

By Pastor Sabu Samuel

Many people wanted to know how to live life more fully. They wanted a deeper connection with God and desired to love others more authentically. They wanted to learn more about death and eternal life. They also wanted to experience God's forgiveness over their failures and shortcomings. To such people, Jesus had a simple invitation: "Follow me." It was an open invitation to journey with Him so they could learn from Him. Jesus's life was marked by a passion to love God and compassion for the people. Humility and forgiveness were fine qualities that Jesus portrayed in His life. This invitation is still open to all generations.

Following Jesus isn't like choosing which flavor of syrup you want in your coffee. The call to follow Jesus is to leave everyone and everything behind and choose Him. It's a call to radical abandonment and clinging to Jesus, the source of all.

The two words that changed the destiny of the disciples' lives were "Follow me." An invitation to leave their current life for a greater purpose. This meant completely trusting in Jesus for their daily needs.

These men grew up around the sea; all they knew was to fish. This was their livelihood and all they knew to do. This represented the familiar and their natural environment. Jesus was calling them away from their familiar surroundings and inviting them to take the step of faith into the unfamiliar.

When Jesus called them, they left their boats. He was calling them to abandon their careers. When they abandoned their nets, they were leaving their possessions. Ultimately, Jesus was calling them to abandon their family and themselves.

What did Jesus really mean when He said, "Leave everything and everyone and follow Me"? Jesus wasn't actually telling them to abandon their family. What Jesus required was absolute obedience and commitment. He was calling these men to leave certainty for uncertainty and safety for danger.

In conclusion, following Jesus means you have counted the cost. We understand the difficulties, the challenges, and the hardships, yet we keep following. Through the stormy gale, we are promised He will never leave us nor forsake us, for He is with us. If we sincerely follow Him, it will leave a desire to want Him more in our lives, and a deep hunger and thirst that can only be satisfied by following Him.

Why Does It Take Courage To Follow Jesus?

By David Samuel

Why does it take courage to follow Jesus?

In 1 Corinthians 13:13, the apostle Paul says, “Faith, hope, and love will always abide.” The greatest is love, but faith is closely connected with hope. Faith means to fully trust someone, and we put our full trust in God. Most people fear surrendering to Christ because they do not want to give up their idea of full freedom. However, the Lord predestines people for salvation. Romans 8:29 explains that saying yes to the path of God’s invitation is often full of doubts, and there are enemies full of lies. But if God has chosen you, you will be saved from the hand of the enemy.

For believers, hope takes courage. When we decide to fully invest our lives in following Jesus, we must be bold. A hopeful Christian is courageous enough to go out and preach about God because He gives us open doors to share the gospel so that people may be saved. 1 Peter 1:21 says, “Through Him you believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.”

If we follow God, we will be saved from the enemy, and we will be protected. When we follow God, we become His disciples, and we are called to love other disciples, and especially Jesus. In return, we will also be loved. We must trust God because His promises will never be broken.

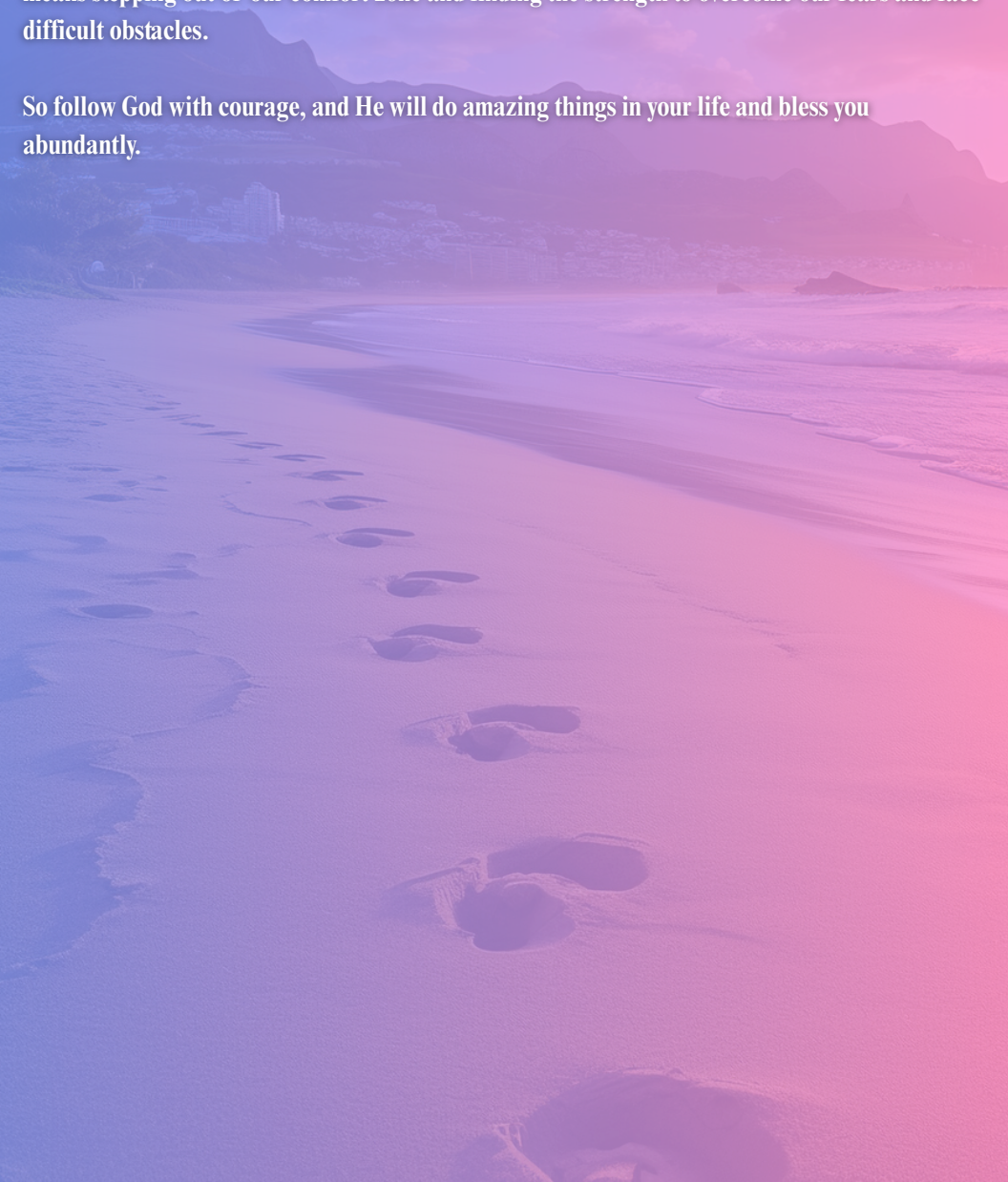
If we follow God and remain courageous, we will be protected and made clean. We will also be saved, loved, and blessed in many more ways. We should follow Him because of what He has done for us. He saved us, died for our sins, and was crucified on the cross. He has blessed us even though we did not deserve any of it. Not even a tiny bit. Yet He still cared for us and loved us with all His heart.

If we follow Him, our lives will become better and easier in the sense that we will have His guidance and peace. Because of this, being courageous in following God is one of the best decisions you can make in your life. When we give our lives to Him and follow Jesus, we will find strength and peace in God’s promise of eternal life, no matter what comes our way.

By following God, we can face the enemy without fear. Following Jesus takes courage because it takes us out of our comfort zone and places us in uncomfortable situations. Follow the Lord wherever He leads you, and He will continue to give you the courage to take the next step in your life.

Psalm 56:3 says, "When I am afraid, I put my trust in You." This reminds us to always trust in the Lord in every situation, and He will give us the strength and courage we need. Following God means stepping out of our comfort zone and finding the strength to overcome our fears and face difficult obstacles.

So follow God with courage, and He will do amazing things in your life and bless you abundantly.



Decode the Cryptogram!

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SILVER JUBILEE WEEKLY MEETINGS (4/07-5/02)

DAY	MORNING	EVENING
Mon-Fri	10:30 AM - 12:30PM @ Church	7:00 - 8:30 PM @ Zoom
Sat	10:30 AM - 12:30PM @ Church	7:00 - 8:30 PM @ Church
Sun	Church Service	7:00 - 8:30 PM @ Zoom

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Pr. Baiju's Visit	April 10-12	Church
Silver Jubilee	May 2	Church

PRAY FOR NATIONS

COUNTRY	CAPITAL	EST. POPULATION
Vietnam	Hanoi	103,439,000
Western Sahara	Laayoune	705,300
Yemen	Sanaa	35,599,000
Zambia	Lusaka	21,548,000
Zimbabwe	Harare	16,176,000