

“No Time Like the Present”

As I get older, I have become forgetful. Occasionally I walk into a room and then try to remember what my purpose was in going there. If people ask me to do something, when possible, I drop everything to fulfill their request and then go back to what I was doing. The reason I do this is that I might be too preoccupied with accomplishing my own goals and never get around to the request from someone else. A more noble reason is that I try to put the needs of others ahead of my own. This devotion speaks to an even better reason: when Jesus calls you to do something, He knows what you are doing, but has a more important task for you to do.

When Jesus called His disciples, how did they respond? We read in the bible that Simon (Peter) and Andrew were fishing when Jesus said to them, “*Follow me*” (Mark 1:17). They immediately went with Jesus and became His first disciples. Jesus then asked brothers, James and John, who were mending their fishing nets. James and John dropped everything and followed Jesus, leaving their father, Zebedee, behind in the boat. No questions were asked. No “give me a minute” stalling technique. No “when I get around to it” statement. “*They immediately left their nets and followed Him*” (Mark 1:18). Their immediate response showed the importance of Jesus’ call.



The disciples gave up everything to follow Jesus. Fishing was their occupation but Jesus had a better idea. We remember that Jesus said he would make them “fishers of men.” They didn’t have any experience in what Jesus wanted them to do, but that didn’t matter. Jesus can make any of us successful in whatever He asks us to do. More than 2,000 years later we are still benefiting from their immediate allegiance to Jesus.

Jesus gave us instructions through the Great Commission. His call was for immediate action. He said, *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age*” (Matthew 28:19).

So, if God knows what we need and our future, we can trust that answering His call is the right thing to do. Who are we to say “Not now, Lord”? Jesus, in His perfect timing, knows what is most important. Follow Him.

Question: What is Jesus asking you to do now that is important? How do you respond?

Prayer: Dear Lord. We know that you will make us successful in doing whatever you want us to do. Let us make following Jesus’ lead a priority in our lives. Amen.