

The Four Great Invitations (Part 2)

Lessons from My First 50 Years with Jesus

Follow Me
Luke 5:1-11, 9:23-25

Review:

Invitation #1 → Come to Me

Matthew 11:28-30

The promise = Peace, rest, wholeness, guidance, acceptance.

Invitation #2 → Follow Me = An intentional apprenticeship to Luke 6:40

“...Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Matthew 4:19

Context of the invitation:

- Peter already believed Jesus was the Messiah. John 1:40-42
- Peter witnessed Jesus' power and love. Luke 4:38-44
- Peter's personal invitation. Luke 5:1-11

¹ Now it happened that while the **crowd was pressing around Him** and listening to the word of God, He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret; ² and He saw two boats lying at the edge of the lake; but the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. ³ And He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little way from the land. And He sat down and began **teaching the people** from the boat. ⁴ When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered and said, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say and let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish, and their nets began to break; ⁷ so they signaled to their partners in the other boat for them to come and help them. And they came and **filled both of the boats**, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw that, he fell down at Jesus' feet, saying, "Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And **Jesus said to Simon, "Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men."** ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

Luke 5:1-11

What did Jesus teach Peter to follow?

Answer

- His _____ – John 5:30
- His _____ – Luke 19:10
- His _____ – Matthew 25:34-46
- His teaching – Matthew 7:26
- His _____ – John 4:34
- To _____ well – John 12:24
- His _____ – Luke 22:29-30

Peter's Journey

Crawl → Leaves all

Walk → Boat

Stand → "Declares!"

Stumble → Rebukes Jesus

Fall → Betrays

Crawl → Forgiven

Walk → Restored

Run → Leads/Teaches others

Jesus invites you to follow Him

²³ And He was saying to them all, "If anyone **wishes to come after Me**, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. ²⁴ For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it. ²⁵ **For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?**

Luke 9:23-25

Discussion Questions:

1. What characterized those who accepted Jesus' invitation to follow Him?
2. Who do you know that exemplifies following Jesus the way the disciples did?
3. What did the disciples see and believe about Jesus that motivated them "to leave everything to follow Jesus"? What are the rewards? (Mark 10:29-31)
4. What in Chip's story encouraged you to follow Jesus despite the cost and challenges to be faithful to Him?
5. What specific steps do you sense God is calling you to take today to fully follow Jesus and His good plan for your life?