

## 01-21-24 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Jesus’ call is often costly and difficult. It can result in going places we would rather not go, speaking words we would rather not speak, and confronting people and situations we would rather not confront, [but] we can trust that God will strengthen and defend us on even the most perilous journey.”

- David J. Fetterman



Mark 1:14-20

### Questions for Reflection —

- How in your life have you experienced God’s voice and call? In what ways has that call been persistent? How have you responded? Have you ever turned away from or tried to ignore God’s call? What happened? What helps you listen for and pay attention to God’ voice and call in your daily life? How will you keep your heart open to the movement of the Holy Spirit? What will give you the courage to act when you sense the nudging of the Holy Spirit?
  
- How can you use your gifts to follow God's call for you? What gifts and graces have you developed throughout your life that can be used to bring a new kind of life into the world? What would it mean for you to commit (or recommit) your full self—your experiences, your skills and talents—to the building of God’s kin-dom? How can you be a faithful participant in God’s ongoing transformation of the world?
  
- In what ways has following Jesus been costly or difficult for you? How have you known God’s guidance and care along the way, especially in those challenging times? What is the next bold or risky step for you on the path of discipleship? What makes you hesitate to take that step? What do you struggle to let go of in order to say ‘yes’? What will help you to move forward?

### Daily Household Prayer

Loving God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, that we may bring good news to the poor, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the oppressed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.