

MONDAY, AUGUST 30TH

DAILY READING ASSIGNMENT: Luke 9-10

"But, But, But..."

SCRIPTURE Luke 9:57-62

OBSERVATION

In this passage we see examples of "half-hearted" commitment to Jesus. I could easily insert my name. Verse "63" could read (there isn't one):

Jesus said, "Follow me."

The woman said, "I will follow you wherever you go and do whatever you ask of me...but first I just need to take my son to practice, do a load of laundry, organize my pictures, complete my degree, put the final touches on this project...."

And on it goes. I know that seems silly and I'm certainly not suggesting we don't carry out our daily "to do" list. But I wonder if we put enough thought and prayer in the daily decisions of how we spend our time. Do we realize the possible cost of a choice that is "ours" and not "Gods?"

APPLICATION

I would love to be able to say that I run all my "to dos", big and small, through the "God Lens". I will aim to ask these questions: Does this need to be done NOW, at this moment? Is someone (friend or family) suffering because of this choice? Am I feeling a nudge to attend an event or serve when there is a million other things I could be doing?

I know I will never get it completely right but I believe we should always be moving in a forward motion of pursuing and fulfilling God's will for us. I will surely fail at times but as best I can, will get back up and brush off the dust and begin again.

PRAYER

God, open my eyes to see and hear Your "nudges". Please "elbow" me when I use the words "but....then, but as soon as.... then, but when I... then." Keep me immersed in your truth and word. Thank you for the guide you provide and for your Son's example. It's in His name I pray. Amen.

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