

“Ask our Lord what he has in mind for you! Ask him for the generosity to say “yes!” Do not be afraid to give yourself totally to Jesus. He will give you the grace you need to fulfil your vocation.”



- Pope Benedict XVI, Hyde Park, 18th September 2010



Lord Jesus, I have waited a long time for this moment. I have needed time to speak with you alone and especially to listen to you.

At times I drown out your messages with music, friends, noise...Yet then, when your calm invitation "Follow me" comes, my heart overflows with light and peace. As soon as I hear this invitation in the depths of my conscience, my heart trembles at the thought that you have chosen me from among hundreds and thousands of young people.

But why, Lord? Why me? What is special about me that you would call me to follow you as your chosen apostle? Then I remember that those first apostles were also weak men like me. Yet you chose them: "You did not choose me, no, I chose you."

I know I will find true happiness at your side. But I am afraid. It frightens me to set out on an adventure where I risk everything, even though I know I can also gain everything.

"Follow me" will be your invitation. I will follow you, Lord. I will follow you wherever you go, and wherever you take me. I ask of you only this: grant me faith, grant me generosity, grant me courage; grant me love.



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