

Summer Series
Seize the Moment
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Luke 9:57-62 (MSG) On the road someone asked if he could go along. “I’ll go with you, wherever,” he said. Jesus was curt: “Are you ready to rough it? We’re not staying in the best inns, you know.” **Jesus said to another**, “Follow me.” He said, “Certainly, but first excuse me for a couple of days, please. I have to make arrangements for my father’s funeral.” Jesus refused. “First things first. Your business is life, not death. And life is urgent: Announce God’s kingdom!” **Then another said**, “I’m ready to follow you, Master, but first excuse me while I get things straightened out at home.” **Jesus said**, “No procrastination. No backward looks. You can’t put God’s kingdom off till tomorrow. Seize the day.”

Exodus 8:8-10 Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and begged, “Plead with the Lord to take the frogs away from me and my people. I will let your people go, so they can offer sacrifices to the Lord.” **“You set the time!”** Moses replied. “Tell me when you want me to pray for you, your officials, and your people. Then you and your houses will be rid of the frogs. They will remain only in the Nile River.” **“Do it tomorrow,”** Pharaoh said. “All right,” Moses replied, “it will be as you have said. Then you will know that there is no one like the Lord our God.

What is holding you back?

✓ Bitterness.

Psalms 91:3 For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease.

✓ Comparison.

Romans 8:31 If God is for us, who can ever be against us?

✓ Pleasures.

Hebrews 11:24-26 It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. **He chose** to share the oppression of God’s people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin. He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward.

Matthew 4:17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

It is time to “Seize the Moment” about 4 Things:

1. To get closer to God.

James 4:8 (NLT) Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.

2. To get honest with a friend.

Acts 2:42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer.

3. To get in tune with my purpose and passions.

Galatians 6:3-4 If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else.

4. To do something greater than myself.

Ephesians 2:10 (MSG) (God) creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.

Walk Away: I can't go back and change the beginning, but I can start where I am and change the ending.