

Like Jesus: Chair 3, The Worker
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The Marissa Story

Gods Story: The Worker, Luke 5:1-11

The Mark of a chair 3 worker is the ability to say “nevertheless”. There’s is so much encompassed in this word, a level of maturity, a level of self denial and a level of trust. Simon Peter was able to look beyond the immediacy of his natural circumstances and trust Jesus whom he had called Master.

It is important to note that this is not Simon Peter’s first encounter with Jesus, its estimated that he had had been building relationship with Jesus for about 18 months before this story takes place at Lake Gennesaret. In this story we can surmise that Jesus had built a significant amount of relational equity with Simon. Simon saw some miracles and saw his mother-in-law be healed by Jesus, so it’s safe to say that he had a certain level of trust toward Jesus. However, in the disciple making process Jesus is requiring Peter to expand his level of trust. Everything in the natural was speaking against what Jesus was asking.

Is there a circumstance in your life where obeying God seems like an impossibility? Covid-19???

- Matt 9:37-38—The workers are Few

Being a Chair 3 worker is not an easy or popular thing for a great deal of believers.

Traditionally the “workers” have represented well under 50% of the body of believers— from sharing the gospel, giving to tithes and offerings.

DNA of a worker:

1. Live a Spirit-filled/ Spirit lead life, John 14:26
2. Denying of Self- saying yes to God ... Jesus in Gethsemane
3. Endure— looking beyond the circumstance, Hebrews 12:2

Character of the Worker (dying to self)

1. Available- raise your hand (sign up)
2. Faithful – stick with it
3. Teachable – humble yourself to the idea that you don’t know it all
4. Enthusiastic – do it with a smile (as unto the Lord) knowing he is the great rewarder,
1 Cor 10:31; Col 3:17
5. Responsive – meet people where they are and engage with them to go beyond

Big Idea:

The work of being a Jesus Follower is really where the rubber meets the road. No matter how deep we grow in our walk with the Lord we’ll never stop being workers. There are no furloughs or vacation days for doing of the work of the gospel. Work with pleasing the Heart of God in mind.

That’s What’s Up!

O.T. Scripture: Proverbs16:3

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