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**“If you say so” #2 of 5  
Nov. 13, 2016**

1. Take some time to share about how God has been working in and through you this past week using the B.L.E.S.S. habits questions.
  - How has the Gospel been a **Blessing** to you this week?
  - What are you hearing from God as you **Listen** to the Spirit & read God’s Word, the Bible?
  - Who have you had an opportunity to **Eat** with this week to build relationship?
  - Who has God led you to **Serve** this week?
  - In what ways have you been able to **Share** about Jesus this week?
2. If *you* were looking for a small group of people to start a world-changing movement, what qualities would you be looking for?
3. Reflect on the story and the various instructions Jesus gave Simon Peter. If you were Simon Peter, how would you have responded throughout the “interview”? What thoughts and emotions would you have experienced? What choices would you have made?
4. Why do you think God desires to primarily work in the world through partnership with people? Have you in any way felt like a partner or co-worker with God? If so, what has your experience been like?
5. How did Jesus model the obedience, humility, and dedication that he was looking for in Simon Peter? (See John 12:49 and 14:31, Matthew 20:24-28, and Luke 22:41-43).
6. How is Jesus speaking to you today regarding these Christ-following characteristics? In what areas of your life are you struggling to say, “If you say so,” “I’m here to serve,” or “Not my will, but yours be done”?
7. Discuss how as an Impact Community you can live out together, and help each other as individuals live out these Christ-following characteristics.



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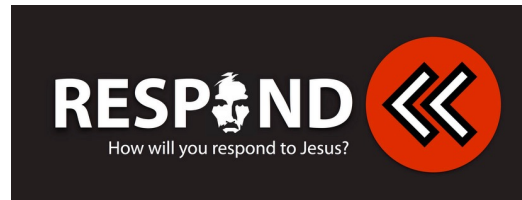
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## SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message

### “If you say so”

With Aaron Richert  
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Nov. 13, 2016



Luke 5:1-11

One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. <sup>2</sup> He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.

<sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish.”

<sup>5</sup> “Master,” Simon replied, “we worked hard all last night and didn’t catch a thing. But if you say so, I’ll let the nets down again.” <sup>6</sup> And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! <sup>7</sup> A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.

<sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, “Oh, Lord, please leave me—I’m too much of a sinner to be around you.” <sup>9</sup> For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. <sup>10</sup> His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed.

Jesus replied to Simon, “Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!” <sup>11</sup> And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.

**God can USE anyone,**

**But His preference is always to PARTNER with people.**

“As *God’s partners*, we beg you not to accept this marvellous gift of God’s kindness and then ignore it.” 2 Corinthians 6:1

**Jesus partners with people who respond to him with:**

 **SUBMISSION**

 **HUMILITY**

 **DEDICATION**

**Big Idea: How we respond to Jesus will determine the COURSE of our lives.**

“My purpose is to give you a rich and satisfying life.” John 10:10

“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.” Matthew 11:28-30 (The Message)