

DAY 2

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TOGETHER FORWARD

Devotionals

“After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the twelve, ‘Do you want to go away as well?’ Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.’” John 6:66-69

Jesus was different. Well, Jesus is different. Even as I type this, it seems silly to make such a simple point. But with that being said, I think it’s very important that we remember that.

The five thousand had been fed, He had walked on water and He had taught the multitude. The crowd had grown. Yet, many of his disciples turned back. But in that, we have, in my opinion, one of the Apostle Peter’s greatest statements. As the crowd was going away, Jesus looks at the twelve and asks a question, “Do you want to go away as well?” To this Peter responds “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

The older I get, the more I come to understand just how out of control life can really get. Whether it’s the collapse of a relationship, the sickness of a child, the cancer that loved one has to walk through, or whatever difficulty there may be in your life right now that you happen to be facing. Just the other day when my son was having shunt revision surgery, and it seemed to be taking longer than I thought it should, I started going down the “what if” rabbit hole of my crazy mind. I had to catch myself and reign myself back in. But it’s in those moments of absolute helplessness when as a father there really is nothing I myself can do for my son, that I’m reminded of the one place, make that the one person, I have that I can go to. And hear me, dear friends, what an amazing privilege it is to be able to lean into Jesus no matter what the situation may be.

To whom will you go? It’s my prayer that you choose to crash into, collapse into, cry into, be shoved into, but more importantly grow into that relationship with Jesus where the reminders (although welcome) aren’t needed as much, and that you just rest and have peace in the person of The Holy One of God our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the difference!

— Jeremy Ruth

Prayer Thought

Where do you find hope? Pray that God will open a door for you to share that hope.