

Grace Guide



FEBRUARY 3-9

MONDAY
2/3

EXODUS 3:1-15

Moses was tending sheep when he encountered the burning bush, and God called him by name, challenging Moses to follow God. And God revealed His identity as "I AM," affirming His eternal power and faithfulness, God's constant presence in the here and now. Moses felt inadequate for the task, but God assured him that He would be with him. If you read the rest of the chapter and into the next, you'll see that Moses offers excuses after excuse to avoid following God, but God continues to assure Moses that he will not be alone. Just as God called Moses, Jesus calls us to follow Him, not based on our strength, but on His presence and power. When we follow Jesus, we step into a purpose greater than ourselves, relying on God's guidance rather than our own abilities.

1. How have you experienced God's calling on your life? What does it mean to you that God calls you by name?
2. What excuses have you used (or do you use right now!) when you have felt God prompting you to follow and obey?

TUESDAY

2/4

EPHESIANS 4:1-6

Paul urges believers to live in a manner worthy of their calling. Following Jesus means walking in humility, patience, and love while striving for unity in the body of Christ. We are not called to follow Jesus in isolation but as part of His people, bound together by one faith, one Lord, and one Spirit. Jesus calls us not only to believe in Him but to live in a way that reflects His character to the world.

1. How do you “live a life worthy of your calling” as Paul challenges us to do?
2. What unity in Christ look like? In what ways does this require humility and patience for you?

WEDNESDAY

2/5

LUKE 9:23-26

Jesus makes it clear that following Him requires self-denial, taking up our cross daily, and not being ashamed of Him. True discipleship is costly—it means surrendering our own desires and ambitions to live for Christ. Gaining the whole world means nothing if we lose our souls in the process. Jesus calls us to follow Him wholeheartedly, not just in words, but in the way we live every day. Years ago, Bob Higinbotham said, “If I have to take up my cross every day, that means that every day I’m tempted to lay it back down again.”

1. In what ways do you deny yourself to follow Christ? What does it look like for you to take up your cross every day?
2. How does your daily life reflect your relationship toward Christ and your willingness to proclaim your relationship with Him?

THURSDAY

2/6

JOHN 10:11-18, 27-30

Jesus describes Himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. Unlike a hired hand who abandons the flock in danger, Jesus protects and guides His followers with sacrificial love. He calls His sheep by name, and His sheep (you and I!) recognize His voice and come. Following Jesus means trusting Him completely, knowing that nothing can snatch us from His hand. His call is one of love, security, and eternal life.

1. How is Jesus the Good Shepherd over your life? That is, how do you find comfort and love and security in Jesus?
2. What does it mean to you that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, laid down His life for you personally?

FRIDAY

2/7

PSALM 95

Our challenge is to worship God with humility and gratitude, our Creator and Shepherd. However, that call also carries a warning: "Do not harden your hearts." Following Jesus requires a heart that is open to His leading, not one resistant to His call. When we refuse to listen, we miss out on the peace and rest that comes from obedience. Today, Jesus is calling—will you respond with a willing heart?

1. How do you humble yourself before God in worship and obedience?
2. How do you keep your heart willing and responsive to God's call?

SATURDAY/
SUNDAY
2/8-9

LUKE 5:1-11; 27-30

Simon Peter, he had spent all night fishing with no success, but when Jesus told him to cast his net again, he obeyed—and caught more fish than he could handle. Overwhelmed, Peter recognized Jesus' power and his own unworthiness, much like Moses (Monday, Exodus 3). Yet Jesus called him to something greater: to become a fisher of men. Compare this depiction of the call of Peter to what Matthew and Mark tell us about Jesus calling Peter and Andrew (Mt 5:18-20; Mk 1:16-18). Levi (Matthew) the tax collector encounters Jesus who says, "Follow me," and Matthew closes up shop and follows Jesus. Following Jesus means stepping out in faith, even when it doesn't make sense, and trusting that He has a greater purpose for our lives.

1. Have you ever felt unworthy of Jesus' call on your life? What is Jesus' response to Peter and how does that apply to you?
2. Peter left his nets to follow Jesus, Levi left his tax booth, what might Jesus be calling you to leave behind to follow Him?

Verse for the week:

"Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.'"

(Luke 5:10b)

SERMON NOTES
