

VISION CAST

KEEP JESUS IN VIEW. FOLLOW FAITHFULLY.
HELP THE ONE BEHIND.



Every disciple has a part to play.

VISION CAST

What the Ducks Remind Us

KEEP JESUS IN VIEW

Jesus is the
leader.
Every
disciple
follows Him.

KEEP MOVING

Following is
active.
A disciple
takes the
next step.

LOOK BACK

Who is behind
me?
How can I
help them
keep moving?

**We all follow Jesus directly — and we help others
follow Him too.**

LOOK BACK

No Spectators — Did We Move?

OBEY IT

What was ONE
clear step
Jesus asked
you to take?

PASS IT ON

Who did you
tell
what you
learned?

CHECK IN

Did your scuba
buddy ask?
What
happened?

Checking in — not checking up. Celebrate movement. Learn from delay. Keep following.

FOLLOW ME

Back on the Planned Journey

LAST SUNDAY

**LOVE PROTECTS
THE
VULNERABLE**

Following Jesus
includes doing hard
things the right
way.

“Hugs are for Families.” &
Report it. Don’t retell it.”



TODAY

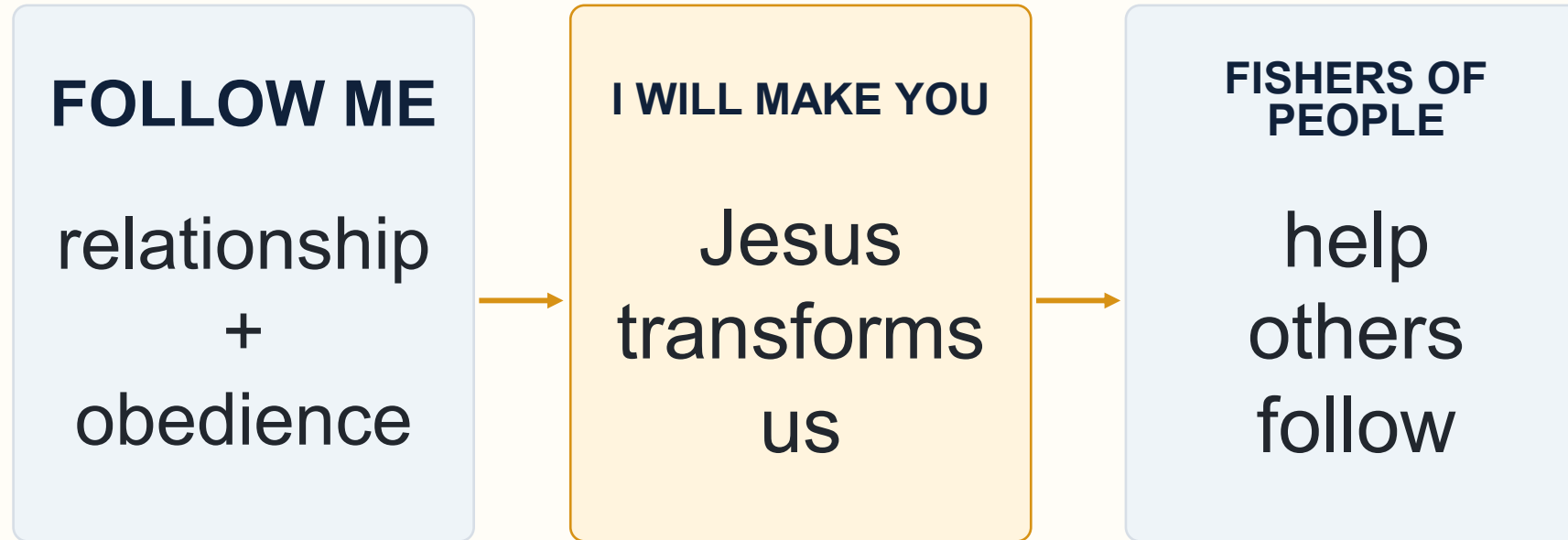
HEAR & OBEY

What does a disciple do
with the words of
Jesus?

The question remains: What is Jesus asking me to obey?

FOLLOW ME

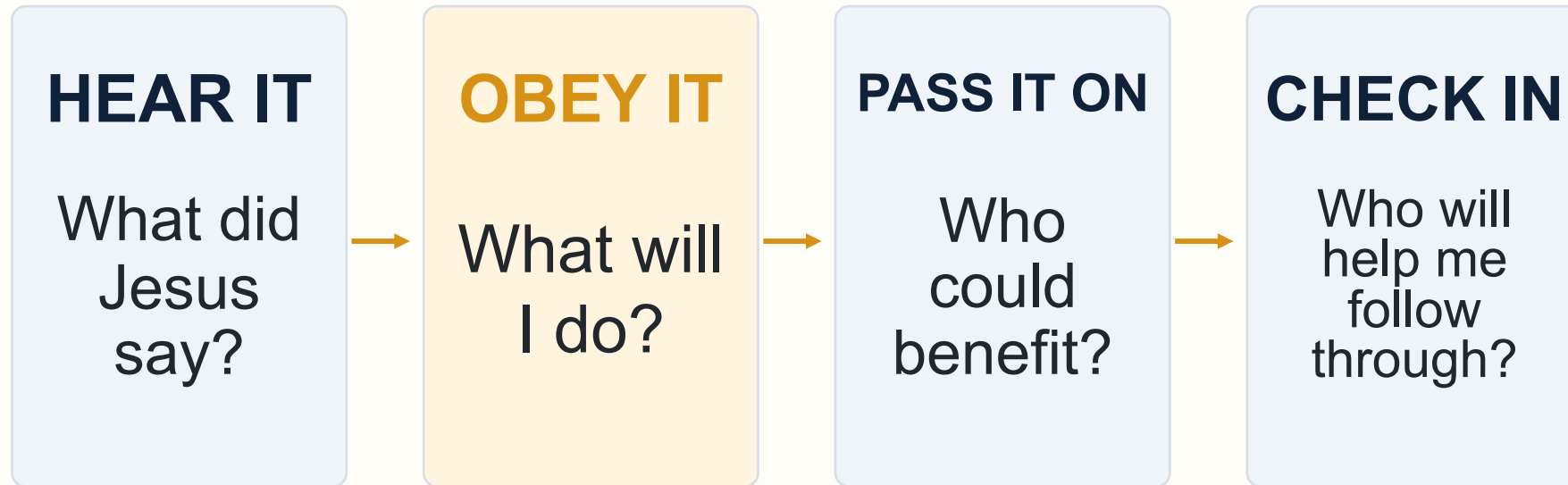
The Series Anchor



**“Follow Me, and I will make you become
fishers of men.” — Mark 1:17**

OUR SIMPLE RHYTHM

Hear It → Obey It → Pass It On → Check In



**Truth should move from the sermon into
our life,**

and from us into someone else.

FOLLOW ME #3

HEAR & OBEY

BUILD ON THE ROCK

**A disciple does not merely know what
Jesus said;
a disciple does it.**

Matthew 7:24–27 • Luke 6:46–49 • James 1:22

FOLLOW ME #3

Opening Prayer

- Lord Jesus, help us hear You — not just another sermon.
- Show us where we have confused knowing with following.
- **Give us courage to do what You make clear.**
- Build our lives on Your words, **not our excuses.**
- Help us encourage one another to obey.

TODAY'S BIG IDEA

Discipleship Has Feet

TAKE NOTE

**A DISCIPLE DOES NOT MERELY
KNOW WHAT JESUS SAID.
A DISCIPLE DOES IT.**

Hearing matters. Understanding matters. But Jesus expects His words to become a life.

LUKE 6:46

The Uncomfortable Question

“Why do you call me “Lord, Lord,” and not do what I tell you?”

Luke 6:46 Sermon on the Plain

**Jesus puts a gap on the table:
OUR WORDS CAN SAY “LORD” WHILE
OUR LIVES SAY “NO.”**

MATTHEW 5–7

Jesus Has Been Teaching

KINGDOM LIFE

Beatitudes • salt &
light
anger • lust •
marriage
truthfulness •
retaliation
love your enemies

KINGDOM PRACTICES

giving • prayer •
fasting
forgiveness •
treasure
trust / do not
worry

KINGDOM RELATIONSHIPS

judging • ask / seek
/ knock
Golden Rule •
narrow gate
fruit / false prophets
“Lord, Lord” •
obedience

**Then Jesus closes the sermon with a picture:
TWO BUILDERS.**

MATTHEW 7:24

The Wise Builder

“Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”

Matthew 7:24

HEARS + DOES → ROCK

MATTHEW 7:26

The Foolish Builder

“Everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.”

Matthew 7:26

HEARS + DOES NOT → SAND

NOTICE THE DIFFERENCE

Both Builders Heard Jesus

WISE

HEARD JESUS

AND DID IT

FOOLISH

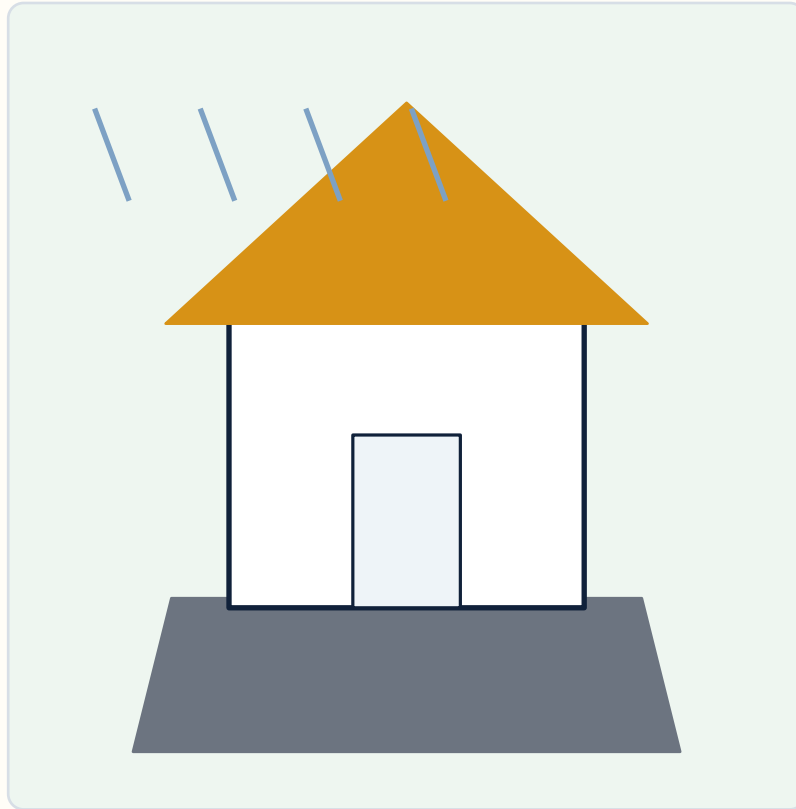
HEARD JESUS

AND DID NOT

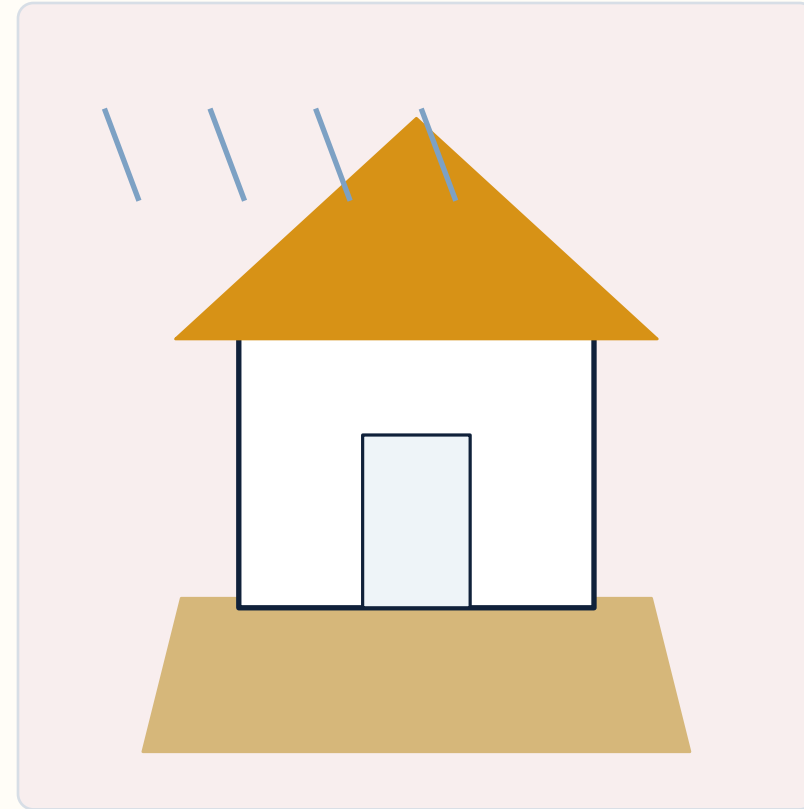
The difference was not exposure to truth. It was response to truth.

BUILD ON THE ROCK

Same Words. Same Storm. Different Foundation.



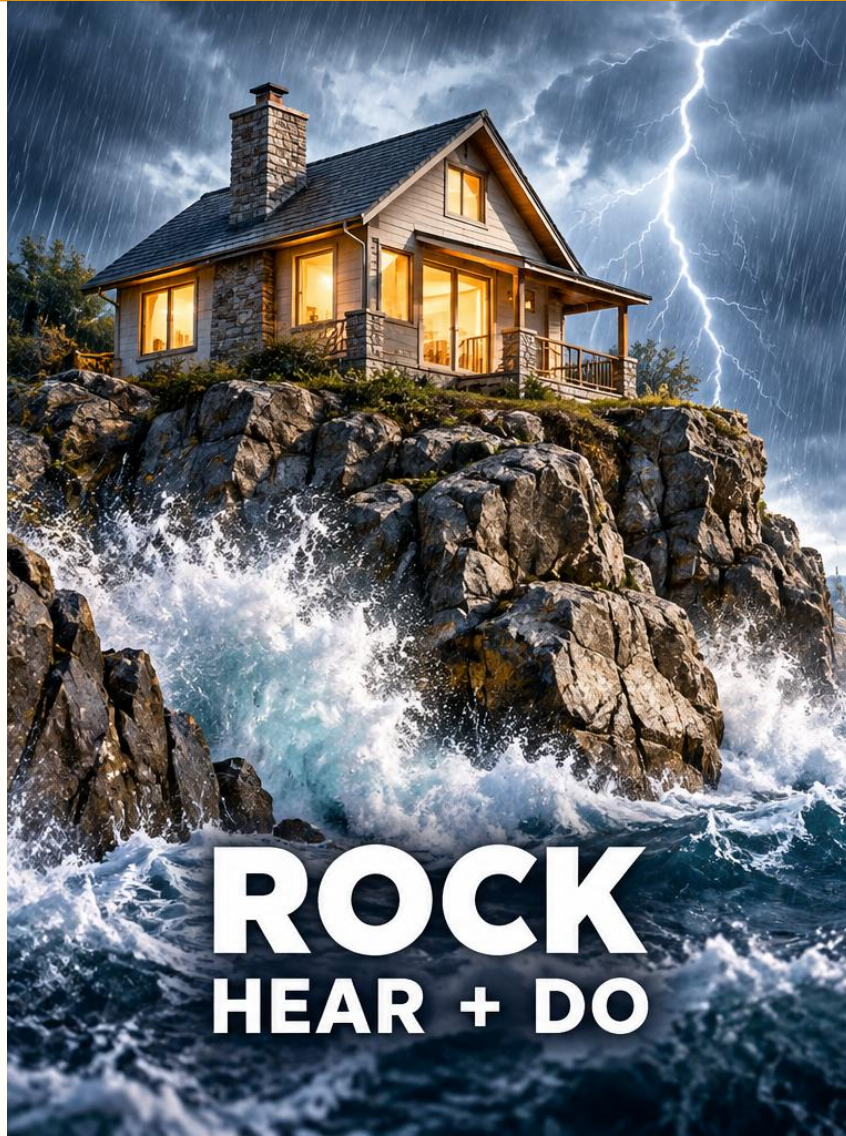
ROCK — HEAR + DO



SAND — HEAR + DON'T

BUILD ON THE ROCK

**Same Words. Same Storm. Different
Foundation.**



ROCK
HEAR + DO



SAND
HEAR + DON'T

MATTHEW 7:25, 27

The Storm Comes to Both Houses

RAIN

pressure
from above

FLOODS

pressure
from below

WINDS

pressure
from every
side

Jesus does not promise a storm-free life.

He tells us to build a life that can stand.

BEFORE THE STORM

Foundations Are Built in Ordinary Days



**Crisis usually reveals the
foundation we have already been
laying.**

DIAGNOSTIC

The Rock Is Not...

✗ Knowing the right answer

✗ Owning several Bibles

✗ Taking excellent sermon notes

✗ Being at church every week

✗ Agreeing that Jesus is right

✗ Having a Christian background

Good things can still become sand if they never become obedience.

TAKE NOTE

What Is the Rock?

HEARING JESUS AND DOING WHAT HE SAYS.

- Not perfect obedience.
- Not instant maturity.
- But walking in a set direction:
- when Jesus speaks clearly, I move.

A CHURCH DANGER

Information Is Not the Same as Formation

INFORMATION

- I heard it.
- I understood it.
- I agreed with it.
- I wrote it down!

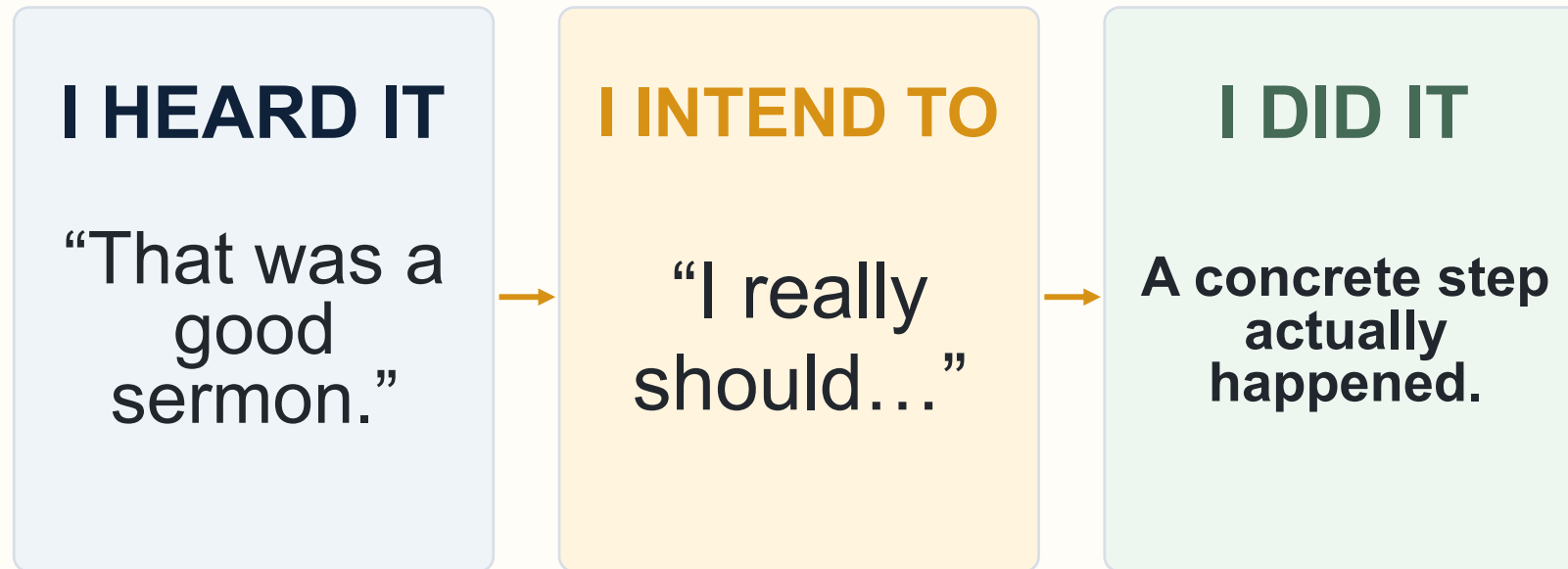
FORMATION

- I tried to obeyed it.
- It changed a habit.
- It changed a relationship.
- It became visible.

**Jesus is not merely filling notebooks.
He is forming disciples.**

THE OBEDIENCE GAP

Where Truth Often Gets Stuck



INTENTION IS NOT YET OBEDIENCE.

WHY DO WE DELAY?

Five Common Excuses

LATER “I’ll do it when life settles down.”

COMFORT “That will be awkward.”

COST “I might lose something.”

CONTROL “I prefer my way.”

FEAR “What if it goes badly?”

**Delay can sound reasonable while
quietly becoming disobedience.**

JAMES 1:22–25

The Mirror

“Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, who deceive themselves.”

James 1:22

MIRROR + WALK AWAY

Hear only —
look, walk away, forget.

MIRROR + RESPOND

Hear and do —
look intently, continue, act.

Hear only — look, walk away, forget.

- Hear and do — look intently, continue, act.

JOHN 14:15

Obedience Is Relational

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”

John 14:15

LOVE —————→ **LISTENS** —————→ **OBEYS**

Biblical obedience is not cold rule-keeping. It flows from belonging to Jesus.

KEEP THE ORDER RIGHT

Grace & Obedience

NOT THIS

OBEY
↓
EARN GOD'S
LOVE
↓
GET SAVED

THIS

SAVED BY GRACE
↓
BELONG TO
JESUS
↓
LEARN TO OBEY

We do not obey to buy salvation. It is the fruit of our new life that we are changing into.

THE GOSPEL

The Good News Came First

- Our sin separates us from God.
- **Jesus came to seek and save the lost.**
- Christ died for our wrong doing and was buried.
- **God raised Him from the dead.**
- **Forgiveness and new life are received by grace through faith.**

**The One who says “Follow Me” is the
One who **first** came for us.**

JESUS WENT FIRST

Obedience Cost Him Everything

JESUS

- trusted the Father
- obeyed through suffering
- went to the cross
- rose victorious

US

- receive His gift of grace
- call Him Lord
- learn His ways
- walk in obedience

**Obedience is our response to grace —
never its purchase price.**

A SIMPLE FILTER

Is Jesus Clear?

**CLEAR
COMMAND**

**Obey.
Take the
next step.**

NOT SURE

**Pray.
Study Bible.
Seek wise
counsel.
Take next
step**

**JUST AN
EXCUSE?**

Do not use
“discernment”
to postpone
the obvious.

When Jesus is clear, disciples move.

REFERENCE — HIDDEN

Discernment Guardrails — “Is Jesus Clear?”

**IF a CLEAR BIBLICAL
COMMAND**

Obey it. Do not wait for a special feeling.

**If a WISDOM
DECISION**

Pray, search Scripture, seek wise counsel,
then act responsibly.

**If a PERSONAL
IMPRESSION**

Test it against Scripture, character, counsel
and what is God doing around me atm.

**If a SAFETY /
LEGAL MATTER**

Use the proper process. “Prompt obedience” is
never permission for recklessness.

This protects the “When Jesus is clear, disciples move” catchphrase from becoming impulsive or manipulative.

Make It Concrete

Questions to pause on:

- What command of Jesus do you already understand but keep postponing?
- **Where has “I intend to” become a comfortable substitute for “I did”?**
- What ordinary habit are you building now that will matter when a storm comes?
- **Who can ask you next week whether you actually followed through?**

A PRACTICAL HABIT

Do Not Let Clear Obedience Drift

1 NAME IT

Write the clear step in one sentence.

2 START IT

Take the first practical move promptly.

3 REPORT IT

Tell your scuba buddy what happened.

**Prompt obedience is a habit —
not a rush into foolishness.**

WHAT MIGHT THIS LOOK LIKE?

One Clear Step

FORGIVE stop rehearsing the offence

GO DIRECT talk to them — not about them

SERVE do the low task nobody notices

PRAY begin the prayer rhythm you keep postponing

GIVE act generously where Jesus has convicted you

SPEAK tell someone what Jesus has done for you

Your step may be different. The question is: what has Jesus made clear?

SCUBA BUDDY

Never Dive Alone

YOUR BUDDY...

- checks in
- watches your back
- helps when you get stuck
- encourages you to keep moving

THIS WEEK...

Tell one person:

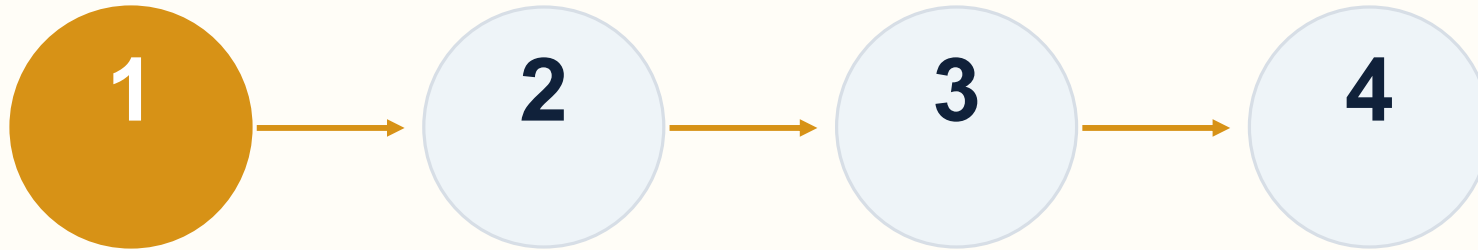
**“This is what I
believe Jesus is
asking me to do.
Please ask me about
it later.”**

Checking in — not checking up. Ecclesiastes 4:9–10

HOT POTATO

Pass It On

DO NOT LET TRUTH DIE IN YOUR NOTEBOOK.



Who could benefit from ONE thing you learned today — and was not here?

2 Timothy 2:2

OBEY & REPORT

This Week's Challenge

KNOW

What did
Jesus
make clear?

DO

What
exact step
will I take?

TELL

Who could
benefit
from this
truth?

WHO WILL ASK YOU?

Name your
scuba
buddy.

ONE ACTION. ONE PERSON. ONE FOLLOW-UP.

WHAT DO I NEED TO REMEMBER?

Take Note — FOLLOW ME #3

- **A disciple does not merely know what Jesus said; a disciple does it.**
- Both builders heard Jesus. The difference was obedience.
- The storm reveals the foundation we have already been building.
- We are saved by grace — and grace teaches us to follow Jesus.
- **When Jesus is clear, disciples move.**

FOLLOW ME #3

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Thank You that You came for us before we ever followed You.

Forgive us for hearing without doing.

Show us the next clear step.

Give us grace and courage to obey.

Build our lives on Your words.

Make us disciples who help others follow You too.

Amen.