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**BiG iDEa:** Jesus invites me to come with Him in spite of my current doubts, fears and unbelief.

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*Growing Deeper* this week...

Set aside some time throughout this week to read and reflect on what God's word says on the subject from the Bible passages below. Some questions are provided for you or a small group of friends to provide focus for your reflection. Before your start: Breathe, pray, ask the Holy Spirit for help.

### Identify

What distractions, doubts, fears or unbelief make it difficult to fully follow Jesus?

### Read

*Scriptures to grow by...* Matthew 4:17-22, Luke 5:1-11, Acts 20:20-24, John 8:12 and 12:26, 1 Peter 2:21, 2 Timothy 1:7, Psalm 23, Deuteronomy 13:4 and 31:8, Joshua 1:9.

### Reflect

1. What words, phrases or ideas stand out to you from the Bible readings you read today? How do these passages help you think about facing your doubts and fears in order to follow Jesus?
2. How do these words, phrases or ideas connect with your everyday life? What do they lead you to think or to do?
3. On Sunday, Doug said: "God who made *everything* and owns *everything* and needs *nothing*, wants to go into business with someone who had *nothing* when she/he was born and will have *nothing* when she/he dies." How do you respond to this statement? What might Jesus be inviting you to consider about taking one more step to follow Him?

### Respond

*Moving forward...* So what's your next step? Whatever your next step is, take it. Whatever your point of challenge right now, that's where God wants to work in your life. Take some time this week to sit with God. Write down your thoughts. Then, talk to Jesus about taking the next step or to help you become willing to take it. If you are willing to take a next step, tell someone you know and trust about it. Then, ask him/her to pray with/for you.