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IRRESPONSIBLE RESPONSIBILITY:

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES BECOME EXCUSES THAT
KEEP US FROM PURSUING JESUS

Luke 9:57-62 (NIV) ⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Matthew 4:19-20 (NIV) ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

PURSUING JESUS IS THE MOST RESPONSIBLE THING YOU CAN DO

RESPONSIBLE IRRESPONSIBILITY:

REFUSING TO ALLOW RESPONSIBILITIES TO GET IN THE WAY
OF PURSUING JESUS WITH ALL OUR HEARTS

HOW TO FIND OUR GOD-GIVEN PASSION AND PURSUE IT

Nehemiah 1:1-4 (NIV) I was in Susa the citadel, ² that Hanani, one of my brothers, came with certain men from Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning Jerusalem. ³ And they said to me, "The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire." ⁴ As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

- GOD-ORDAINED PASSIONS WILL STIR OUR HEARTS WITH JOY AND/OR SORROW
- GOD-ORDAINED PASSIONS WILL OFTEN LEAVE US FEELING UNQUALIFIED
- WHEN GOD PLACES A PASSION ON YOUR HEART, IT BECOMES YOUR RESPONSIBILITY
- EVERY GOD-ORDAINED PASSION STARTS AND ENDS WITH PRAYER
- EVERY GOD-ORDAINED PASSION REQUIRES A FIRST STEP

Joshua 3:9-13 (NIV) ⁹ And Joshua said to the people of Israel, "Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God." ¹⁰ And Joshua said, "Here is how you shall know that the living God is among you and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Hivites, the Perizzites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, and the Jebusites. ¹¹ Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is passing over before you into the Jordan. ¹² Now therefore take twelve men from the tribes of Israel, from each tribe a man. ¹³ And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap."

Nehemiah 2:4-8 (NIV) Then the king said to me, "What are you requesting?" So I prayed to the God of heaven. ⁵ And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' graves, that I may rebuild it." ... So it pleased the king to send me when I had given him a time. ⁷ And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, let letters be given me to the governors of the province Beyond the River, that they may let me pass through until I come to Judah, ⁸ and a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress of the temple, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall occupy." And the king granted me what I asked, for the good hand of my God was upon me."

➤ WHEN GOD OPENS THE DOOR, RUN THROUGH IT!

➤ STAY FAITHFUL IN THE ORDINARY

Nehemiah 2:1-2 (NIV) *In the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was before him, I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence. ² And the king said to me, "Why is your face sad, seeing you are not sick? This is nothing but sadness of the heart."*