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Scripture Reference: Matthew 4: 12–23 (CEB)

MUSINGS:

"Change your hearts and lives!" We've just spent time with Jesus as he is called into his ministry and now he's calling us. He's come to get us and walk along side us, just as he did with his first disciples all those years ago. "Come, follow me," he said "and I'll show you how to fish for people." The next phrase is what catches my attention. "Right away, they left their nets and follow him." Scripture doesn't tell us if they had a thousand questions, or if they had to think about it. No Scripture says, "Right away." They follow Jesus right away. The bravery in that action scares me and probably scares a lot of us. What a challenge for this new year.

CONSIDER:

- I wonder how we can live into our calls with "right away" energy this year?
- When do you need to be reminded that Jesus is walking alongside you during your ministry?

ACTIVITY:

Pull out your hymnal or go to hymnary.com.

Find your favorite calling song. Mine is "the summons."

Familiarize yourself with the tune, perhaps write out a few of your favorite lines, and let them guide you through your week!

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