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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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CONNECT

Talk about a time when you knew the right the thing to do... but chose to ignore it away. For example, you see someone in need on the side of the road, have the time and resources to stop... but chose to keep driving.

ENGAGE

What is something you can begin doing TODAY, to grow in your relationship with Christ and others, that you've been putting off for different reasons?

GROW

1. The message says God often hides our “next” in a moment. Can you share a time when you felt a prompting but hesitated? What happened?
2. Why do you think we tend to overlook God’s voice when it comes as a whisper instead of something obvious or dramatic?
3. The message emphasized that recognition isn’t enough—we must respond. What tends to hold you back from acting when you know what to do?
4. Have you ever experienced a time when acting on a small step led to something much bigger? What did that teach you?
5. The message says, “You may think you’re waiting on God, but God may be waiting on you.” How does that statement challenge your current situation?
6. What is one specific “next step” you feel God prompting you to take right now—and what would it look like to act on it within the next 24 hours?

CHALLENGE:

Here’s your final challenge for this “NEXT” series. It’s simple, but it’s not easy:

Act on the next step God has already shown you... and do it today. Again, not five steps. Not your entire future. Just one. And make it immediate.

- Send the message
- Start the conversation
- Say yes / say no
- Let it go
- Step out

Whatever it is— Do it before the day is over. Because moments don’t wait.