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*New Year's 2022*

## THREE STRONG WORDS

*Following Jesus in 2022 (or any other year)*

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**Luke 9:23-24** - And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

**Luke 9:57-62** - As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." 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." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." And Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

**Bonhoeffer: "When Christ calls a man, he bids him \_\_\_\_\_"**

**Following Truth #1:** Following Jesus will be a constant threat \_\_\_\_\_.

**Following Truth #2:** Followers give Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.

**Following Truth #3:** Looking back \_\_\_\_\_.