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“The Evidence for the resurrection is better than for claimed miracles in any other religion. It’s outstandingly different in quality and quantity...” A. Flew

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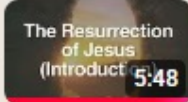
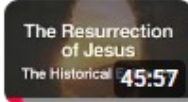

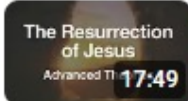
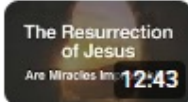
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## The Resurrection of Jesus

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What are we supposed to  
**DO WITH**  
the Resurrection of Jesus?



## Romans 6:4-5

“We were therefore buried with him through **baptism into death** in order that, just as **Christ was raised from the dead** through the glory of the Father, **we too may live a new life**. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly **also be united with him in his resurrection.**”



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## **Luke 9:61-62**

“...another said, ‘I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family.’

Jesus replied, "No-one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."



# IS JESUS HARSH?

Why reject someone for pursuing such a natural and wholesome desire?

Why disqualify someone that seems to make such a small and understandable mistake?



# 2 OBSERVATIONS

1. This man is negotiating.

“...another said, ‘I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family.’”



## 2 OBSERVATIONS

2. Jesus' response is a proverb, not really a rejection.

**Literal translation:**

“No one that has put their hand to the plough and is looking backwards is useful to the Kingdom of Heaven.”



**SOME GOOD THINGS ONLY COME  
THROUGH TAKING THE PLUNGE**



**WHAT ABOUT  
HONEST DOUBT  
AND  
MODERATION?!?!?!?**



# DOUBT

Faith isn't the opposite of reason.

**Faith is courage to face fear and uncertainty when action is required.**

A little verse for you:

Faith can't solve intellectual doubt  
but it faces fear of missing out.

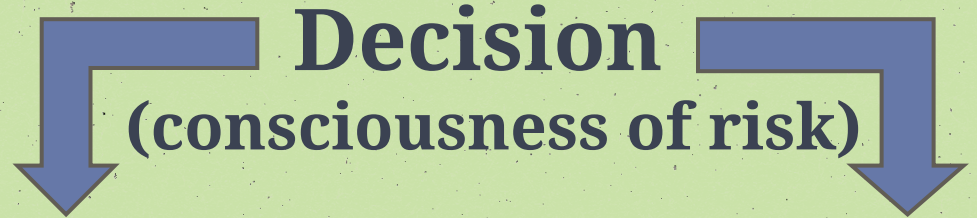


Reactive fear often manifests as doubt.



Reactive  
Fear

Resolute  
Faith



Situation

Question

Consideration

Action



# MODERATION

Moderation is good when balance is needed.  
It's called "temperance" or "virtue".

Moderation in **endeavors** and **commitments**  
is often treason and double-mindedness.



# MODERATION AND VIRTUE

Moderation is needed *in* each virtue:

Cowardice ← Courage → Foolhardiness

Servility ← Obedience → Rebellion

There is **no good moderation** between seeking virtue and villainy.



“Oh, the romance. I can barely breathe.”



“I’m moderate in my commitment to my wife.”

(We’re moderate in what we should be passionate about, and passionate about what we should be moderate about.)



**YOU HAVE TO TAKE THE PLUNGE**



# YOU HAVE TO TAKE THE PLUNGE

No more negotiating

No more divided heart

No more double mindedness



**How do you interpret confrontation?**  
As rejection? As disqualification?  
Or as a challenge?



Luke 9:62  
isn't a disqualification  
it's a challenge.



1 Kings 19:18-21



## **1 Kings 19:18-19 NIV84**

“Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and all whose mouths have not kissed him.’ So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was ploughing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him.”



## **1 Kings 19:20-21 NIV84**

“Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. ‘Let me kiss my father and mother good-bye,’ he said, ‘and then I will come with you.’ ‘Go back,’ Elijah replied. ‘What have I done to you?’ So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the ploughing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his attendant.”



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Elisha didn't see this as a rejection.  
He saw it as the first teaching of his new  
mentor.

So, he took the biggest plunge he could,  
With the most symbolic act he could do.



## **Response 1: Anyone can do it response.**

What thing in your life do you need to address by taking a plunge?

You need to stop consuming it, stop politically positioning, and jump in with a symbolic action that means something and commits you to the course that you know is best.





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## **Response 2: Three Responses to God...**

- 1. Seeking-** Take the plunge and really seek the truth about God.
- 2. Baptism-** Take the plunge and really trust in Jesus.
- 3. Discipleship-** Take the plunge in really learning from Jesus.



# What's your response?

**A** *I am actively following God and participating in a local church.*

**B** *I have recently decided to follow God but don't know what my next step should be.*

**C** *I don't currently follow God but am open to exploring questions about faith and meaning.*

**D** *I do not plan to follow God and don't want to connect further right now.*



