

ARISE TO THE CHALLENGE

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INTRODUCTION

50 Day Challenge: saying yes to Jesus to live lives that honor him and reflect his purpose

KEY POINT: Jesus challenges his followers to journey to the next level

TEXT: Mark 8:27-38

- **Understanding who Jesus is is necessary to get to the next level (vv. 28-30)**

Jesus narrows the focus: Not just who do people say I am, but what about you?
Until we clarify for ourselves who he is, we will not find the courage and determination to get to the next level

- **The next level will stretch us and challenge us (vv. 31-33)**

Our revelation of Jesus is to prepare us for the mission of Jesus
Not a path of ease or convenience
Have we embraced the concerns of God or are we simply focuses on human concerns?

- **The next level requires Jesus being our first yes (vv. 34-38)**
Walking with him and walking like him

Learning to say yes to Jesus

40 DAY CHALLENGE: interact with the gospels daily for a minimum of 15 minutes

1. **READY** – prepare the space and us
2. **READ** – actively reading to understand God's word
3. **REFLECT** – choosing a portion of the reading and thinking deeper about it
4. **RESOLVE** – determining next steps

RESPONSE: Lord, today, I embrace the challenge and I choose to follow you!