



“The LORD our God spoke to us in Horeb, saying, “You have dwelt long enough at this mountain.” Deuteronomy 1:6

It is altogether too easy for us to become entrenched in daily routines, isn't it? There is a certain comfortableness, as well as an emotional sense of security that comes with the familiar. However, there is also a danger of spiritual stagnation when we allow our lives to fall into non-productive patterns.

For those who genuinely belong to Christ there comes a time when He, as at the first, gently calls for us to follow Him to new areas of ministry, interest, relationships and spiritual growth. These moments can be rather uncomfortable for us, but they are necessary to healthy and vibrant living.

Jesus never asks us to “go it alone.” He has promised “never to leave us or forsake us.” Once we see this perspective we joyfully see that His call to us is not so much about our learning to better handle the present situation and going here and there to do “stuff.” Rather, His call to us is about our going with Him simply to be with Him! It is all about our being with Him! “And when He had called to Himself the twelve.” (Matthew 10:1).

The name Horeb means desolate. When the Lord beckons us on, if because of fears or circumstances we baulk and remain at our Horeb, surely spiritual desolation awaits us. But to follow Jesus – wherever He is going holds the most delightful and blessed end!

And Jesus said, “Follow Me!”