



## **008 Dust**

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“I want to be the kind of person who does the right thing. And I don’t just mean the big things where right and wrong are obvious and easy, but I mean the small things. The subtle, unnoticed things.”

### **Why are the “small and unnoticed” things such a big deal?**

“A disciple doesn’t just want to know what the rabbi knows. A disciple wants to be like the rabbi and wants to learn to do what the rabbi does.”

### **Have you ever thought about Jesus as your rabbi? Would you consider yourself a disciple?**

*During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”*

*“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”  
“Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.*

*But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”  
Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”*  
-Matthew 14:25-31 (NIV)

“So different rabbis had different sets of interpretations about how they lived out, and understood, and interpreted the Scriptures.”

### **Have you ever thought about your faith as being an interpretation? Is it okay to have different interpretations of the Scriptures?**

“If they’re fishermen and Jesus calls them to be his disciples, then they’re not following another rabbi; and if they’re not following another rabbi they’re not the best of the best. They didn’t make the cut.”

### **What message was Jesus sending us by not choosing the best of the best?**

*Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things – and the things that are not – to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him.*  
-1 Corinthians 1:26-29 (TNIV)

“It’s like a movement of anybodies and he calls them – the JV, the B team, the ‘not-good-enoughs.’ He calls them to be his disciples and they change the course of human history.”

**What impact are Christians today having on the course of human history?**

“Now, I always assumed that Peter doubts Jesus. But Jesus isn’t sinking! Who does Peter doubt? He doubts himself. He loses faith in himself that he can actually be like his rabbi.”

**How big of a role do your insecurities play in your life?**

**Do they ever affect your faith?**

*I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.* -Matthew 16:19 (NASB)

“Faith in Jesus is important, but what about Jesus’ faith in us? I mean he must have faith in us because he leaves it all in the hands of these disciples.”

**Do you believe that God believes in you?**

“Jesus has faith that you can follow him and that you can be like him.”

**What does it mean to be like Jesus?**

**Can you do it?**

“May you believe in God. But may you come to see that God believes in you. May you have faith in Jesus. But may you come to see that Jesus has faith that you can be like him. A person of love and compassion and truth. A person of forgiveness, and peace, and grace, and joy, and hope. And may you be covered in the dust of your rabbi, Jesus.”

***MY NOTES:***

**\*\*Due to unseasonably high February temperatures, it took 8 dump-truck loads of snow to fill and refill the melting driveway seen in the film.**