

Questions Jesus is Asking- “What is that to you?”
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John 21:18-23

“I tell you the truth, when you were young, you were able to do as you liked; you dressed yourself and went wherever you wanted to go. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and others will dress you and take you where you don’t want to go.” ¹⁹ Jesus said this to let him know by what kind of death he would glorify God. Then Jesus told him, *“Follow me.”* ²⁰ Peter turned around and saw behind them the disciple Jesus loved—the one who had leaned over to Jesus during supper and asked, *“Lord, who will betray you?”* ²¹ Peter asked Jesus, *“What about him, Lord?”* ²² Jesus replied, *“If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? As for you, follow me.”* ²³ So the rumor spread among the community of believers that this disciple wouldn’t die. But that isn’t what Jesus said at all. He only said, *“If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?”*

Trouble (v.18-19a)

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Everyone has trouble

Trouble is a unique opportunity to glorify God

Question (v.20-21)

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Questions are natural during trouble

Not all questions are good questions

Answer (v.22)

“Jesus replied, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? As for you, follow me.”

What is that to you?

Ron Sider~ *“I am far less brilliant than vast numbers of others, less handsome than most, and far less wealthy than many...But all that is okay. ...Embracing our finitude—truly accepting the fact that it is okay for me to be less*

intelligent, less powerful, less wealthy than others—is the only way to joy.”

Follow me

Hebrews 12:1b-2a NLT

“We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.”

Rumor (v.23)

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