

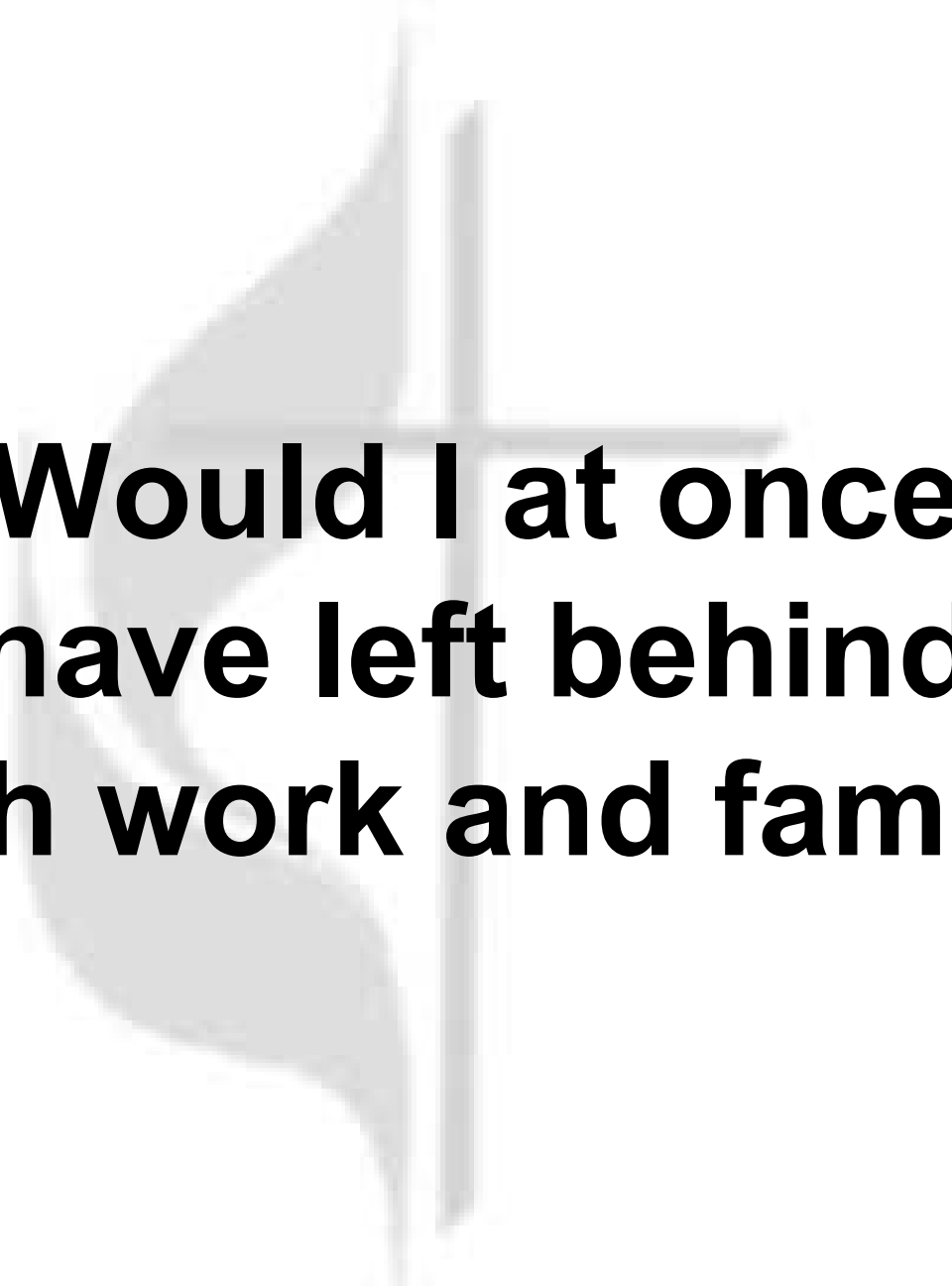
*Would I Have Answered  
When You Called*

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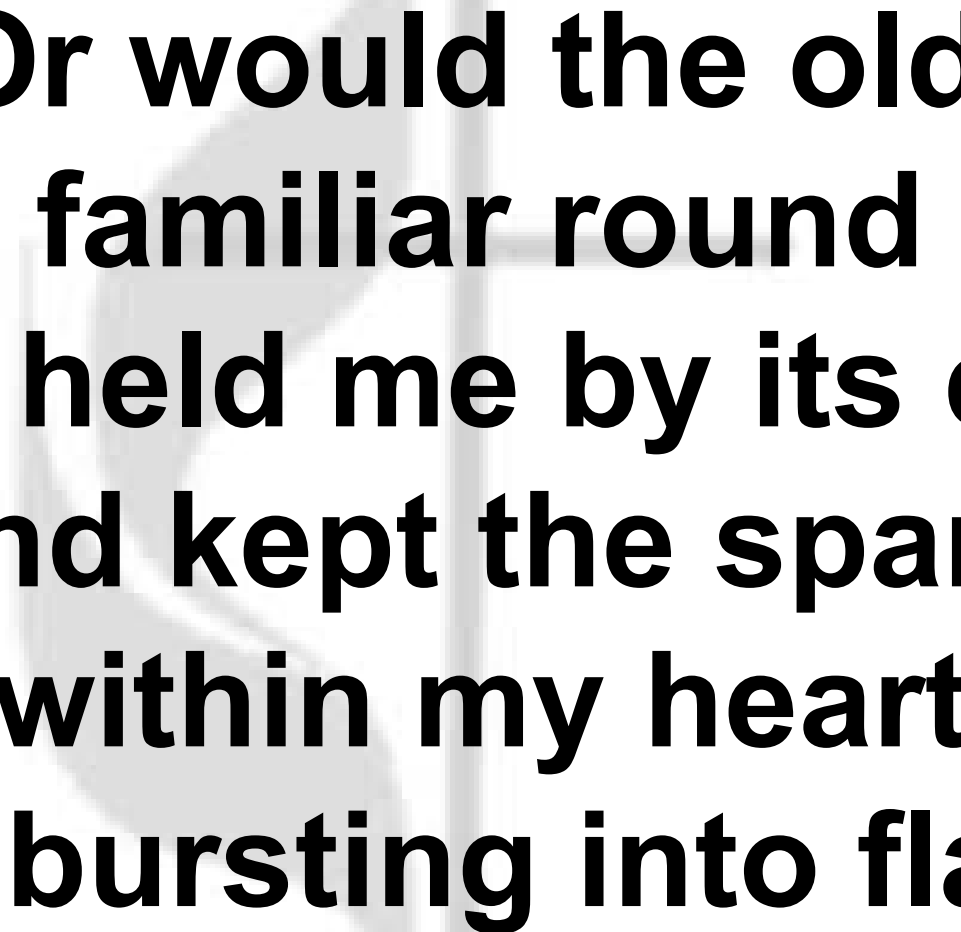
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*(Matt. 4:12-23; 26:56; Mark 1:16-20; 14:50; Luke 5:1-11)*

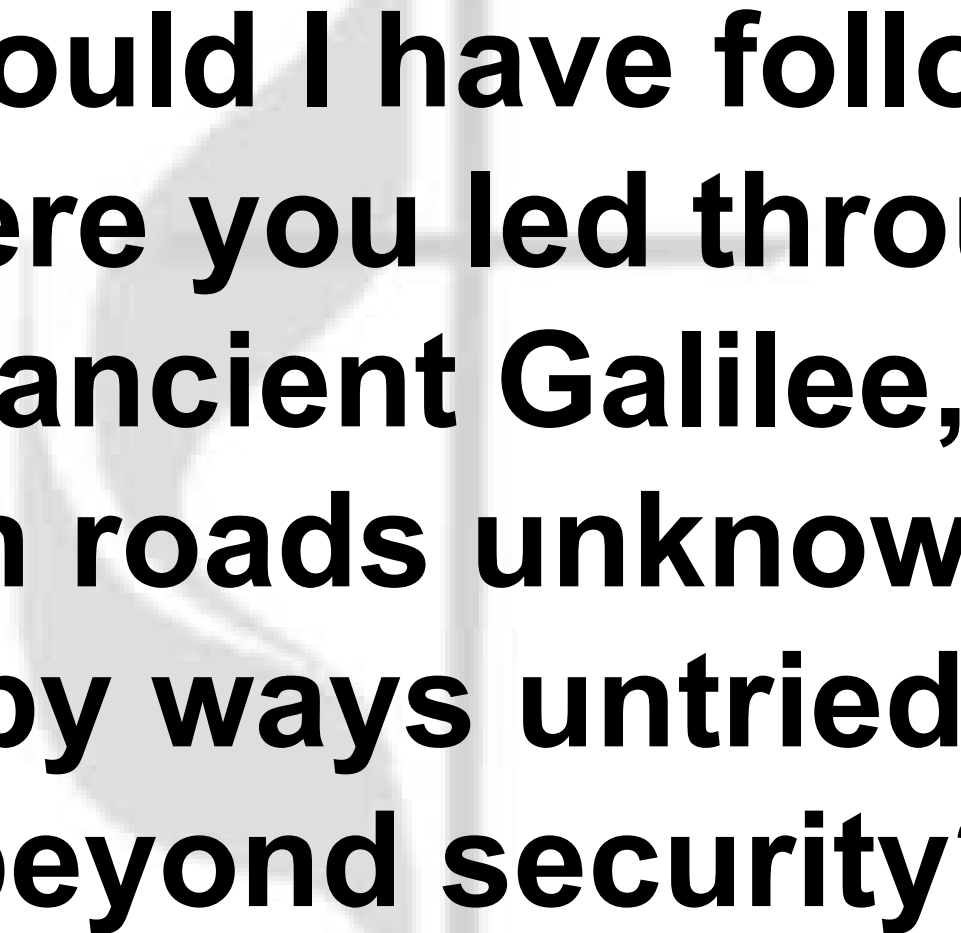
**1. Would I have answered  
when you called,  
“Come, follow, follow me!”?**



**Would I at once  
have left behind  
both work and family?**



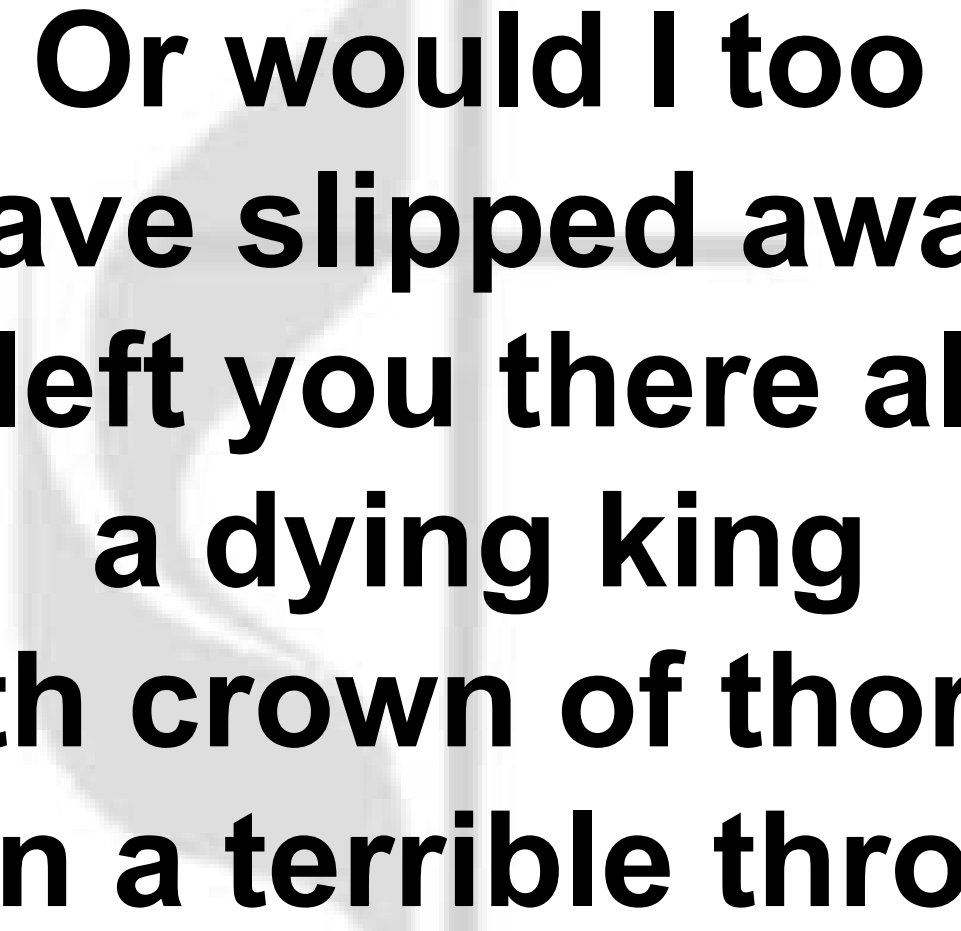
**Or would the old,  
familiar round  
have held me by its claim  
and kept the spark  
within my heart  
from bursting into flame?**



**2. Would I have followed  
where you led through  
ancient Galilee,  
on roads unknown,  
by ways untried,  
beyond security?**

**Or would I soon  
have hurried back  
where home and  
comfort drew,  
where truth you taught  
would not disturb  
the ordered world I knew?**

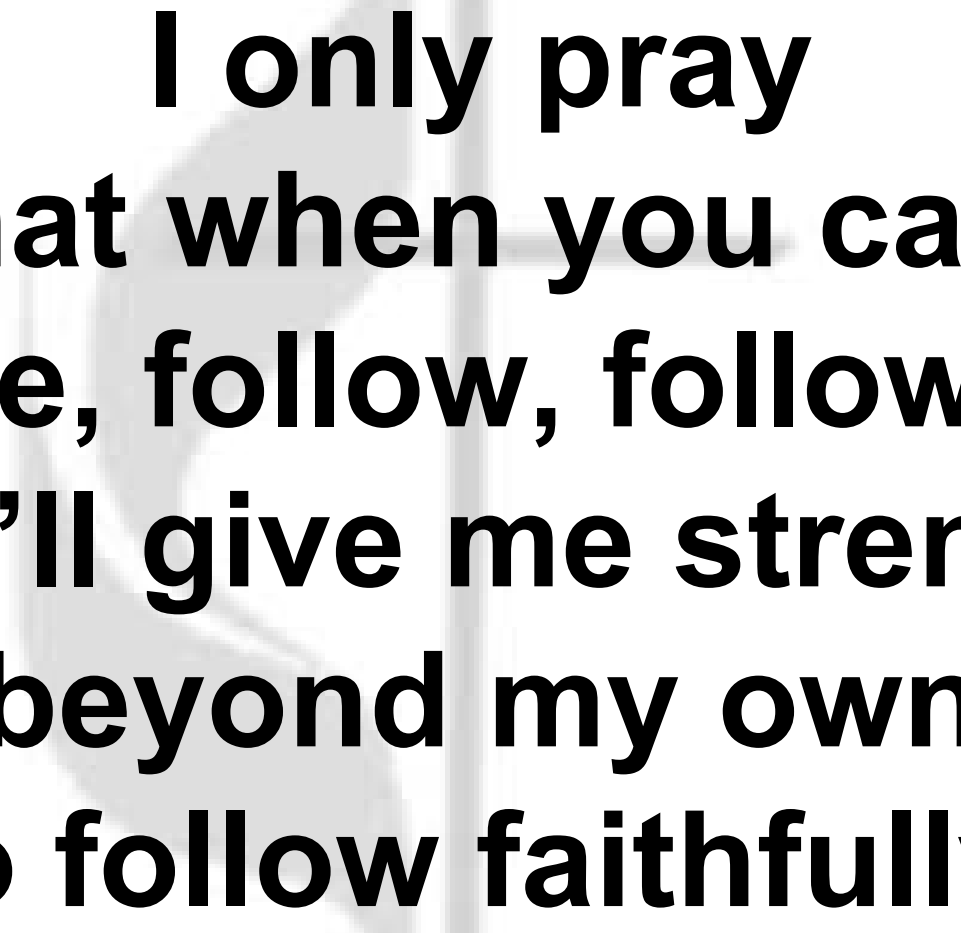
**3. Would I have matched  
my step with yours  
when crowds cried,  
“Crucify!”  
when on a rocky hill  
I saw a cross  
against the sky?**



**Or would I too  
have slipped away  
and left you there alone,  
a dying king  
with crown of thorns  
upon a terrible throne?**

**4. O Christ, I cannot  
search my heart  
through all its  
tangled ways,  
nor can I with  
a certain mind  
my steadfastness appraise.**





**I only pray  
that when you call,  
“Come, follow, follow me!”  
you’ll give me strength  
beyond my own  
to follow faithfully.**