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Luke 9:51-62

It was a hot summer day so we took our grandchildren to the pool. Our toddler grandson was having a blast singing, "1 . . . 2 . . . 3 *jump*!" before leaping into Grandpa's arms! At one point he stood on the side of the pool a little longer than normal so Grandpa said, "Come on buddy, jump!" With a most intent glare and sincere tone he shouted, "*My not ready! When my ready, my ready. And, my not ready!*"

When Jesus said a person around Him, "Follow me." The first response was, "*First let me* bury my father." When Jesus asked another, the response was, "*First let me* say good-bye to my family." To be honest, those seem like fairly legitimate requests. In reality, these people wanted to be in control of when they followed.

I wonder if we are given these extreme illustrations to help remember that there will always be an excuse that supports our temptation to say, "*My not ready!*" Pray for God's help to be ready!

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