

You are not yet ready to follow Jesus.

Thank you for being honest about your barriers.

When Paul was asked if he was ready to follow Jesus, he said no. He still had a lot of questions and wasn't ready to make a decision. "How do I know if all this is real?" Paul asked.

His friend Jim appreciated his honesty but also wanted him to continue to learn more so that he could make an informed decision later. "Don't give up now just because you don't feel ready yet," said Jim. "Keep seeking Jesus out." Paul continued to read more about Jesus and began to try prayer. He spent time getting to know other Christians and asked them about their faith.

As he started to hear their stories and experience prayer and friendship, Paul began to understand the barriers he had to following Jesus. A few months later, when Jim asked him again if he was ready to follow Jesus, Paul realized that Jesus was real enough to say yes to.

There are two important questions worth answering:

- What are some of the barriers for you to follow Jesus?
- What are some next steps for you to continue to explore who Jesus is?

I still have some questions.

- a) Pick 3 bible studies from <http://exploringfaith.life/searching/explorer> & spend three weeks going through them with a friend.
- b) Read a book from <http://exploringfaith.life/searching/debrief> with a friend.
- c) Watch a video about Christian life from [Alpha](#).

I would like to take this journey with more people.

- a) Spend time with your local InterVarsity chapter. Ask your friend to bring you to a large group event, or bring you to a bible study.
- b) Attend an upcoming retreat in your area. You can ask your friend for more information.
- c) Visit a local church with your friend. Take some time afterwards to debrief and ask: What did you like? What didn't you like? What was unexpected?

I want to see Jesus at work.

- a) Commit to a weekly prayer meeting together for a full semester. Pray for tangible things, and pray for yourself to see Jesus at work.
- b) Start praying for your friends. Ask them if they have anything they would like God's help with.