

Hello... Anyone There?

Description: Have you ever felt alone? How about feeling alone in your faith? Have you felt that you have been fighting against the current with your peers and culture? Standing alone in our faith is something we will all experience in our lives at some point. Gain an understanding of how to journey in life as a follower of Christ without feeling completely alone. This Power Track will provide practical ways to move us from going against the current to setting the current for others to follow.

Key Verses: Luke 5:17-26

Prompt: Pull from the archives of the Old Testament, telling the students the story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal. God's prophet stood against the current of idolatry, winning (by God's grace) a contest in dramatic fashion. But the fallout of Elijah's bold faith was desperate loneliness.

Play: Video of Todd Shoemaker, "Hello... Anyone There?" buildmomentum.org/resources

Process: Select from the following questions to help students remember, rekindle and reengage.

(NOTE: The first 7:30 of this podcast simply records microphone issues. Feel free to skip ahead.)

- ⏪ Todd talks about how double-standards affected his Christian life early on. **What is a double-standard? What are common double-standards followers of Jesus struggle with?**
- ⏪ After his decision to follow Jesus, several years passed before God "rocked" Todd's world and emboldened him to share. **What has God used to rock your world?**
- ⏪ Consider this self-evaluation question: **"Where are you currently in your life with Jesus?"**
- ⏪ Todd states, "The closer I grew to Christ, the further I grew from my peers." **How have you experienced this reality? Why does this happen so often?**
- ⏪ Todd claims, "Our gods look different. Our gods are paper. Our gods are metal. Our gods are cotton." **What does he mean by this? What is an idol and what do we expect of them?**
- ⏪ Over 60% of young adults (18-21) will fall away from their faith. **What factors feed into this?**
- ⏪ Todd provides a great strategy for "running hard after Jesus." He suggests reading a gospel twice, the second time through recording characteristics of Jesus, which serve as a mirror to our spiritual growth. **What characteristics would you expect to find in Him and you?**
- ⏪ **What hinders you from being bold in your faith?**
- ⏪ **How do you know if someone is worth linking arms with in your faith?**

Pray: Use Todd's three prayer prompts to close the time together. Put students in small groups and encourage them to pray their faith will be priority, their false gods will be exposed, and they will have opportunity to share their faith with one person.