



# A Jesus-Centered Approach to Effectively Navigating Complexity and Change

**WORKSHOP 1:**  
*How Would Jesus Lead in Today's  
World of Uncertainty and Upheaval?*

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## Our VUCA World

- ▶ Volatility
- ▶ Uncertainty
- ↳ With increasing uncivility
- ▶ Complexity
- ▶ Ambiguity



## Uncertainty and Change Are Increasing

- ▶ Climate change
- ▶ Economic disruptions
- ▶ Political upheaval
- ▶ War
- ▶ Racial tension and immigration issues
- ▶ Spiritual upheaval
- ▶ Food insecurity and poverty

## VUCA in Jesus' World

- ▶ Political upheaval, under foreign rule, waiting for the Messiah...

In his context, Jesus was secure in his calling with clarity and courage.

Jesus' calling, clarity and courage form a framework and an example today for us to follow in the midst of complexity and change.

## Jesus' Calling

- ▶ Mark 1:9-17 lays out 4 aspects of Jesus' calling:
  - ↳ 1. Intimacy and Identity (v. 10-11)
  - ↳ 2. Godly Character (v. 12-13)
  - ↳ 3. Community (v. 16 and 17)
  - ↳ 4. Message and Mission (v. 14-15, 17)

## Jesus' Clarity

- ▶ Jesus is not fearful or full of anxiety. He is not frazzled, frayed or mentally foggy.
- ▶ How was he able to maintain his clarity?
- ▶ Jesus followed a pattern of purposeful engagement with people followed by withdrawing for rest and renewal.

→ Mark 1:24-39

## Jesus' Courage

- ▶ Jesus was opposed by many
  - Within his community (Luke 4:16-30)
  - Among religious leaders (John 8:12-20; 48-59)
  - By political leaders, leading to his crucifixion (Luke 22:66-23:25)
- ▶ Jesus drew courage from
  - Keeping his focus on the Father and his mission
  - Being in community

## Application

Of calling, clarity and courage, which do you need to focus most on now?

What's a next step for you or your team?



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