



## Chapter 7

### Reflections to Journal and Share

- How did you react to discovering more about Levi through the use of (what I hoped was) appropriate imagination? Were you comfortable or somewhat uncomfortable with that approach to opening up the passage? Does it give you any thoughts or ideas that you might want to use in your times of reflecting and contemplating Jesus' encounters with people?
- Have you lost the joy of your salvation, of being forgiven? Is His grace no longer amazing to you? What might have caused that to be? Have you ever prayed for the desire to have it return if it is missing or anemic in your life? What happened when you did?
- How far does your mercy and compassion extend to others? Are you withholding compassion from someone who desperately needs it, someone who Jesus would extend it to? What is holding you back? Any examples come to mind?
- Is Jesus calling you to "follow Me" in the full weight of what that phrase means? Calling you not just to be a cognitive believer in a creed, but a submitted disciple? Not just to be "with him," the most appealing part of that first-century Jewish idiomatic phrase, but to also willingly and totally submit to His Will and Ways as a disciple? What reservations might you still have that are holding you back?
- What thought(s) challenged you in this encounter? What is God's Spirit whispering to you? What action is He prompting you to take?