

Follow

Me

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18 And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

20 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

Introduction

A. Thirty years have passed since Jesus birth

B. Time for a new beginning of ministry

1. Choosing the first disciples

2. Commanding the first disciples

3. Comprehending the recurring call

I. The “Follow Me” of Faith (v 19)

A. Peter and Andrew busy at their daily work

B. Jesus comes to where they are working

C. Their hearts had been prepared for His call

Romans 5:1

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

I. The “Follow Me” of Faith (v 19)

D. The Christian life begins and continues in faith

1. Faith to live

Romans 1:17

For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

2. Faith to win

1 John 5:4

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

I. The “Follow Me” of Faith (v 19)

D. The Christian life begins & continues in faith – cont’d

3. Faith to focus

Matthew 8:26

And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

As faith increases, fear decreases

II. The “Follow Me” of Fishing For Men (v 19)

A. The neglected call

Matthew 10:32

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

B. The results of neglect

Romans 10:14

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

II. The “Follow Me” of Fishing For Men (v 19)

C. The cure for neglect

1. Joy in sowing and reaping

Psalm 126:5-6

5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

II. The “Follow Me” of Fishing For Men (v 19)

C. The cure for neglect - continued

2. Converts bring joy

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing?

**Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ
at his coming?**

20 For ye are our glory and joy.

People lead other people to Christ

III. The “Follow Me” of Full Surrender

Matthew 16:24

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

A. Peter rebelled at the news of the cross (16:22)

Matthew 16:22

Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

B. The Lord’s call to self-denial

How does this call affects us today?

IV. The “Follow Me” of Focusing on Jesus

John 21:22

Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.

A. Peter learns what he will do for Christ

B. He wonders what John will do

C. Our Lord’s answer to Peter

*Have You
Responded To The
Lord's Call?*