

The Voice

John 1:15-34

Listen To The Messenger Of God

- A. John Knew For Whom He Was Witnessing (1:15-18)**
 - 1. His decision (1:15a)**
 - 2. His declaration (1:15b-16)**
 - a. Of Christ's position (v 15b)**
 - b. Of Christ's power (v 16)**
 - 3. His discernment (1:17-18)**
 - a. Of something better (v 17)**
 - b. Of someone bigger (v 18)**

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B. John Knew Who He Was (1:19-24)

1. To answer the critics (1:19-22)

a. When confronted (v 19)

1 Peter 3:15

b. When challenged (vv 20-22)

Mark 11:28

1 Peter 2:15

2. To accept God's purpose (1:23-24)

a. Scripturally

Jeremiah 1:9

b. Spiritually

Titus 1:9

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C. John Knew What He Was Doing (1:25-28)

1. Because he executed God's Word (1:25)

John 9:4

2. Because he expected God's work (1:26)

Titus 2:13

3. Because he esteemed God's worth (1:27-28)

2 Chronicles 2:6

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D. John Knew Who He Was Looking For (1:29-34)

1. You must be looking to find Christ (1:29)

Jeremiah 29:13

2. You will know when you find Christ (1:30-33)

a. With humility (v 30)

James 4:6

b When you are doing the will of God (v 31)

Hebrews 10:36

c. When revealed by the Holy Spirit (vv 32-33)

John 6:44

3. You will tell others Who you found (1:34)

Willing?
John 1:35-51

Willing but will you?

John 1:35-51

35 Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;

36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

38 Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?

39 He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.

John 1:35-51 - continued

40 One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

42 And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

43 The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.

44 Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

John 1:35-51 - continued

45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!

48 Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.

John 1:35-51 - continued

49 Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

50 Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these.

51 And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

I. Willing To Dare (1:35-40)

A. Willing to leave the familiar (1:35-37)

1. When the right day comes (v 35)

Ezekiel 39:8

Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord God; this is the day whereof I have spoken.

I. Willing To Dare (1:35-40)

A. Willing to leave the familiar (1:35-37) - continued

2. When the right message is heard (v 36)

Isaiah 49:8

Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;

I. Willing To Dare (1:35-40)

A. Willing to leave the familiar (1:35-37) - continued

3. When God leads in a new direction (v 37)

Isaiah 42:16

And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.

I. Willing To Dare (1:35-40)

B. Willing to go the distance (1:38-40)

1. God is watching how you follow (v 38)

Curiosity or commitment

1 John 2:19

They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

I. Willing To Dare (1:35-40)

B. Willing to go the distance (1:38-40) - continued

2. God is wanting you to make the choice (vv 39-40)

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.

II. Willing To Care (1:41-45)

A. The priority

Galatians 6:10

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

B. The perspective

Luke 15:9

And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

II. Willing To Care (1:41-45)

C. The prospects

1 Timothy 5:8

But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

III. Willing To Share (1:46-51)

A. The method remains unchanged (1:46)

B. The message of Christ must be heard (1:47-48)

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?

III. Willing To Share (1:46-51)

C. The message of Christ must be heeded (1:49)

Acts 8:37

And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

D. The message of Christ must be hoped (1:50-51)

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

**You will not share unless you care,
You will not care unless you dare
You will not dare unless you are willing**

Are you willing?