

**Jesus said,
“FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU
FISHERS OF MEN.”
(Matthew 4:19)**

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**On the following pages
are sixty points
relating to Matthew 4:19.**

**With the Holy Spirit's help
illuminating His Word,
let's study these magnificent words.**

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- **We begin this study of verse 19 by counting the number of words in this verse.**
- **There are fifteen words used in the NASB.**
- **The words “FOLLOW” and “FISHERS” are two syllable words.**
- **The other thirteen words have one syllable.**
- **Jesus could have used long, complicated, impressive sounding words, but He chose to use simple, easy to understand words.**

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- **The use of simple words reflects humility.**
- **To follow Jesus requires humbling ourselves.**
 - **Humility follows Jesus.**
 - **Pride refuses to follow Jesus.**

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- **Notice in verse 18 it says, “AND WALKING BY THE SEA OF GALILEE.”**
- **Jesus was at sea level when He spoke to Peter and Andrew.**
- **Jesus was on the same level when He spoke to these men.**
- **Humility seeks to be on the same level as other people.**
- **Pride seeks to be above other people.**

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- **Another example of coming down to people's levels before speaking is found in Jonah 1:5-6.**
- **Jonah had gone down into the hold of the ship, and the captain approached him and spoke.**
- **The captain did not stay up on deck and shout down to Jonah.**
- **He went to Jonah and met Jonah at his own level.**

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- We now look at the first word in verse 19.
- The word **“AND”** continues or joins what is mentioned previously in verse 18, **“AND WALKING BY THE SEA OF GALILEE, HE SAW TWO BROTHERS, SIMON WHO WAS CALLED PETER, AND ANDREW HIS BROTHER, CASTING A NET INTO THE SEA; FOR THEY WERE FISHERMEN.”**
- Verse 18 begins with the words **“AND WALKING.”**
- Verse 19, Jesus said, **“FOLLOW ME.”**
- Walking came before the talking.

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- **This pattern is seen in Acts 1:1, “I WROTE ABOUT ALL THAT JESUS BEGAN TO DO AND TEACH.”**
- **We need to ask, does our walk come before our talk?**
- **Let us consider seven things related to “WALKING.”**

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1. “WALKING”

This word tells us that Jesus was not running.

- **Scripture never mentions Jesus in a rush or running.**
- **A fine example of walking is seen in Genesis 5: 24,
“ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD, THEN HE WAS NO
MORE, BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM AWAY.”**
- **When a person is rushing and running around, it
reflects a lack of peace in the heart.**
- **The word “WALKING” communicates a calm, relaxed
manner.**

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- **Running often reflects stress in the heart.**
- **Running however communicates rushing in a frenzied state or a lack of peace in the heart.**
- **When we refer to running it's not referring to a person running while exercising, but rather the running we do when we do not have peace ruling in our hearts.**
- **In Colossians 3:15 it says, “LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST
RULE IN YOUR HEARTS.”**

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2. “WALKING”

- **The word shows steady progression.**
- **As we obey and follow Jesus we make steady progress in our lives.**
- **It shows a person is not standing still, but rather is going forward.**

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3. “WALKING”

- **The word shows that the people who are walking are headed in the same direction.**
- **After the cross and resurrection Jesus ascended into heaven.**
- **If you are following Him you too will go to heaven.**

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4. “WALKING”

- **The word shows that people walking together are in agreement.**
- **In Amos 3:3 it says, “DO TWO WALK TOGETHER UNLESS THEY HAVE AGREED TO DO SO?”**
- **If two people are not in a right relationship with each other it is extremely unlikely they will go walking together.**

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5. “WALKING”

- **The word shows that the people are spending time together.**
- **How much time do we spend with Jesus?**
- **To walk with Jesus requires spending time with Him.**

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6. “WALKING”

- **The word shows that those walking are looking forward.**
- **Are we looking forward or backward?**
- **In 2 Peter 3:11 it says, “YOU OUGHT TO LIVE HOLY AND GODLY LIVES AS YOU LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY OF GOD AND SPEED ITS COMING.”**
- **If you are looking back and the other person is looking ahead it shows you are going in opposite directions.**

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7. “WALKING”

- **The word shows that those walking are near to each other.**
- **You do not walk with someone if there is a large distance between you.**
- **Peter and Andrew were near to Jesus.**
- **Are we near to Jesus or near to the world?**

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- **Now that we briefly touched on the word “AND”
joining two sentences let us consider more about it.**

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- The word **“AND”** is a small word.
- The word **“AND”** might seem insignificant.
- The word **“AND”** may not seem very important.
- The word **“AND”** is the sort of word that isn't noticed.
- The word **“AND”** is a word we could overlook in reading this story.
- The word **“AND”** was not given much attention compared to spending more time studying the word **“WALKING.”**

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- **Now consider we might sometimes feel very much like the word “AND.”**
- **Perhaps we sometimes feel small.**
- **Perhaps we sometimes feel insignificant.**
- **Perhaps we sometimes feel unimportant.**
- **Perhaps we sometimes feel that we are not noticed.**
- **Perhaps we sometimes feel that we are being overlooked.**
- **Perhaps we sometimes feel others get more attention than us.**
- **But even if we do feel small, insignificant, unimportant, unnoticed, overlooked, and not paid attention to, the Lord loves and saved us.**

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- Now, with the Lord's help we shall continue our study of the word **“AND.”**
- As always it is vital to look at the context to which this verse is found.
- In verse 18 it says, **“WALKING BY THE SEA OF GALILEE,”**
- Peter and Andrew lived in a beautiful part of the world with warm weather and near the sea.

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- **In verse 18 it continues, “SIMON WHO WAS CALLED PETER, AND ANDREW”**
- **Peter and Andrew were brothers.**
- **When we read through the gospels we do not find any examples of problems between them.**
- **They got along well with each other and they worked together.**

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- In verse 18 it says, **“THEY WERE FISHERMEN.”**
- Peter and Andrew were working and had a good job.
- They lived in a part of the world with good weather, and near the sea.
- They got along well with each other and worked together.
- They had good jobs.

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- **Many might envy people who lived in a country with warm weather, near the sea, get along with the people at work, and have a good job.**
- **Although these things speak about Peter and Andrew they still needed to follow Jesus.**
- **Today, people might think that if they lived in a warm country, near the sea, got along well with fellow employees, and had a very good job then they would be happy.**
- **But that is not the case.**
- **People need to follow Jesus to find true happiness and purpose in life.**

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- **We learn from reading the previous verse that Jesus saw Peter and Andrew before He started speaking to them.**
- **We can sense that He waited before speaking.**
- **That is an important habit to cultivate.**

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- **Now notice that in this verse it says, “HE SAID TO THEM.”**
- **The word “HE” comes before “THEM.”**
- **Jesus came before people.**
- **Jesus came first and they came last.**
- **Jesus is mentioned before people are mentioned.**
- **Jesus has first place at the beginning of this verse.**

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- **Jesus is to have first place in all areas of our lives.**
- **Does time with Jesus come before time with people?**
- **Does what Jesus want come before what we want?**
- **Does Jesus come before people in our lives?**
- **Does Jesus have first place in our hearts?**
- **If we want to be first rather than last we will not last!**

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- **Jesus spoke to two people.**
- **What Jesus said to the two people was the same message.**
- **Then in verse 21, Jesus called James and John.**
- **Jesus didn't say one thing to one person and something different to the other person.**
- **What Jesus said was the same for all four people.**
- **When we speak, are our words the same when speaking to different people?**

5. “THEM,”

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- **The word “Them” refers to Peter and John.**
- **As we read further to verse 21 we again see this word
“THEM.”**
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- **The word is repeated so we need to stop and think about it.**
- **The word refers to people who Jesus called to follow Him.**

The word refers to people who continued on obeying Him.

The word refers to people who followed Him all through their lives.

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- **Now consider the word “HE” is in the center of the word “THEM.”**
- **This observation reflects the words of Colossians 1:27, “CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY.”**
- **Dear friend, are you in Christ?**

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- **All people are either in Christ or in Adam.**
- **All people are either in the kingdom of God or in the kingdom of the devil.**
- **There is no mushy middle ground.**
- **In Colossians 1:13 it says, "FOR HE DELIVERED US FROM THE DOMINION OF DARKNESS, AND TRANSFERRED US TO THE KINGDOM OF HIS BELOVED SON."**

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- **We now begin by studying the first word that quotes Jesus.**
- **The word “FOLLOW” communicates progress, action, or going forward as opposed to standing still or retreating.**
- **Is there progress in your Christian walk?**

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- **If you think you have arrived you have not!**
- **If you think you have arrived you have stopped!**
- **In Philippians 3:14 Paul said, “I PRESS ON TOWARD THE GOAL.”**
- **Do we see progress in our Christian walk?**
- **If we are responding more to people and circumstances according to what the Scriptures say then we did one year ago, then that indicates progress.**

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- **The next point to realize is that the word “FOLLOW” was three things:**
 - 1. A specific word.**
 - 2. To specific people.**
 - 3. In a specific situation.**

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- **Why are we focusing on this one word?**
- **As we follow the Jesus, the Holy Spirit gives us specific verses that apply**
- **to specific situations in our lives.**
- **These words, or verses are called “RHEMA” words.**
- **As we follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit highlights verses that almost seem like we never noticed them before.**

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- **The next point to realize is that for Peter and Andrew to follow required walking.**
- **Jesus was walking, taking one step at a time.**
- **To follow someone means waking one step at a time.**
- **The Holy Spirit leads step by step.**

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- **We see a fine example of this in Jeremiah 18:2 “ARISE AND GO DOWN TO THE POTTER’S HOUSE, AND THERE I SHALL ANNOUNCE MY WORDS TO YOU.”**
- **As we read Jeremiah 18:2-6 we learn the Lord lead step by step.**
- **Each step is a step of obedience.**
- **To the degree we obey the word of God is the degree that we are following Jesus.**

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- The next point is to realize that the word “ME” is singular.
- Jesus was saying there’s only one way to follow.
- There aren’t many ways to follow.
- In John 14:6 Jesus said, “I AM THE WAY, AND THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE, NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER, BUT THROUGH ME.”
- There’s only one way to get to heaven, and that’s through Jesus Christ.
- If you believe there are many ways to get to heaven, then you are deceived.

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- **NOTE: In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus prayed that the Father would take this cup from Him.**
- **Jesus asked the Father if there was another way.**
- **If there had been another way, would not our loving Heavenly Father have made one for His Son?**
- **Dear brothers and sisters, Jesus knew there was no other way, the Father knew there was no other way, and we should know there was no other way.**
- **“I AM THE WAY, AND THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE, NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER, BUT THROUGH ME.”**
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- **The next point is to notice after the word “ME,” is a comma.**
- **The comma in a sentence indicates a pause.**
- **It’s a short waiting time in a sentence.**
- **In our lives there are often many commas, times of waiting.**
- **Such times bring out what’s in the heart.**

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- **In Exodus 32:1 it says, “NOW WHEN THE PEOPLE SAW THAT MOSES DELAYED TO COME DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAIN, THE PEOPLE ASSEMBLED ABOUT AARON, AND SAID TO HIM, “COME, MAKE US A GOD WHO WILL GO BEFORE US; AS FOR THIS MOSES, THE MAN WHO BROUGHT US UP FROM THE LAND OF EGYPT, WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAS BECOME OF HIM.”**

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- **When the people had to wait for Moses to come down from the mountain, idolatry was found in their hearts.**
- **Waiting reveals what's dormant in our hearts.**
- **Waiting reveals dormant pride.**
- **Pride hates to wait.**
- **Pride is manifested in impatience.**
- **Pride doesn't like commas.**
- **Pride interrupts.**

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- **An example of this manifestation of pride is seen in Festus in Acts 26:24, "AND WHILE PAUL WAS SAYING THIS IN HIS DEFENSE, FESTUS SAID IN A LOUD VOICE, "PAUL, YOU ARE OUT OF YOUR MIND! YOUR GREAT LEARNING IS DRIVING YOU MAD."**

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- The next point deals with the second word Jesus said.
- The word isn't referring to “me” but to “He” Jesus Christ.
- In this short sentence there's mention of Jesus.
- In the sentences we speak is there mention of Jesus?
- Is our conversation about “me” or “He?”

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- **In Matthew 2:2 the wise men made four references to Jesus.**
 - “WHERE IS HE”**
 - “KING OF THE JEWS”**
 - “HIS STAR”**
 - “WORSHIP HIM”**
- **A wise person talks about Jesus rather than about people.**

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- **The next point is to realize that these words are a command.**
- **Jesus wasn't making a suggestion.**
- **He wasn't asking them to consider following Him.**
- **He was telling them to follow Him!**

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- **Please notice how Jesus would say this command.**
- **The Lord’s tone of voice is clear.**
- **The Lord’s voice is not condemning.**
- **The Lord’s tone of voice is not harsh.**

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- **When the Lord commands us to do something it's to help us.**
- **His commands help us, not hurt us!**

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- **This command is the second command spoken to people in the book of Matthew.**
- **The first command is in Matthew 4:17, “REPENT.”**
- **In these two commands is the essence of the gospel.**
- **There can be no following Jesus without first repentance of sin.**
- **Repentance of sin is essential before anyone can follow Jesus Christ.**

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- **We find this clearly expressed in Acts 20:21,
“REPENTANCE TOWARD GOD AND FAITH IN OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST.”**
- **Repentance is essential for anyone to be genuinely
born-again.**

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Here are 7 things that aren't substitutes for repentance:

1. Attending a church is not a substitute to repentance.

- An unsaved person might go to church for social reasons or to make business contacts.**
- In a church, people might be friendly and accept them.**
- Or an unsaved person might go to church because they have a girlfriend or boyfriend who is a weak Christian.**
- An unsaved person might even lie and pretend to be a Christian from selfish motives of wanting to marry the Christian.**

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- 2. Infant baptism is not a substitute for repentance.**
- 3. Trying to live a good life is not a substitute for repentance.**
- 4. Having Christian parents is not a substitute for repentance.**
- 5. Starting to read the Bible is not a substitute for repentance.**
- 6. Being born in a “Christian country” is not a substitute for repentance.**
- 7. Thinking you are a Christian from the womb is no substitute for repentance.**

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- **Let's be certain we know what “repentance” means.**
- **It means to change one's mind.**
- **In the New Testament it always involved a change for the better.**
- **The word “repentance” means turning from sin and turning to God.**

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- **When did you repent of your sins and surrender your life to Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?**
- **If you're not sure that you ever did ask Jesus to save you, then do it today.**
- **Ask God to forgive you and take over your life.
Jesus gave 100% of His life to save you.
He requires 100% of your life in return to walk fully with Him!!**

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- **The next point is to remember that Scripture doesn't mention how old Peter and Andrew were when Jesus called them.**
- **But they were adults because they were old enough and strong enough to be casting a heavy net into the sea.**
- **Jesus called them as adults.**

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- **Peter and Andrew weren't born as disciples.**
- **They weren't disciples because they came from a “Christian country.”**
- **They weren't disciples because they had been sprinkled with water as an infant.**
- **They weren't disciples because of any reason except the fact Jesus called them.**
- **They were at an age where they could decide whether or not to follow Jesus.**

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- **In this part of Scripture there isn't any mention of their parents.**
- **Whether their parents were followers of Jesus we don't know.**
- **What we do know is they had to choose for themselves to follow Jesus.**
- **What applied to Peter and Andrew still applies to all people today.**

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- **The next point is to realize these words are written in the present tense. They applied to Peter and Andrew.**
- **They have applied to Christians in every generation and in every country over the past two thousand years.**

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- **Let us examine our ways and ask ourselves if we are following Jesus right now?**
- **Are we following Jesus in our present tense or are we presently tense?**
- **There's no expiry date on these words.**
- **There's no expiry date on obedience.**

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- **The next point is to realize Jesus knew where He was going.**
- **To follow Jesus gives meaning, purpose and direction to our lives.**
- **Those who do not follow Jesus do not have meaning, purpose, or direction in life.**
- **In John 8:12 Jesus said, “I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD; HE WHO FOLLOWS ME SHALL NOT WALK IN THE DARKNESS, BUT SHALL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE.”**

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- **Imagine a friend of yours is living in a city that you’ve never been to before.**
- **Now imagine going to visit your friend.**
- **One day your friend tells you he’d like to buy you something very special at a store across the city.**
- **As the two of you set out, do you trust that your friend knows the way to the store?**
- **Or do you try telling him which way to go even though you’ve never been in that city?**

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- **The common sense thing to do would be to trust that your friend knows the right way to go to safely arrive at the destination.**
- **We’d be quite silly to try telling him which road to take if we’ve never been in that city before.**

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- **This illustration is much like following Jesus.**
- **We’re strangers in this world.**
- **Yet Jesus has been leading millions of Christians for the last two thousand years.**
- **He has plenty of experience of leading His friends to our desired destination, which is heaven.**

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- **The next point is to realize who is to be followed.**
- **The words imply we have options concerning who or what to follow.**
- **The words require us to choose between following Jesus or someone, or something else.**
- **Who we follow determines where we end up.**

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- **In Jeremiah 2:5 it says, “THEY WENT FAR FROM ME
AND WALKED AFTER EMPTINESS AND BECAME
EMPTY.”**
- **We become like that which we follow.**
- **If we follow Jesus we conform to His likeness.**
- **If we follow the world then we conform to it.**

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- **In Romans 12:2 it warns, “DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD.”**
- **Following the world leads us on a path contrary to the will of God.**

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- **Here's a true story.**
- **A young Christian worked in a government office.**
- **For several weeks many co-workers called in sick and didn't come to work on Fridays.**
- **Her boss didn't correct the situation, and was in fact doing the same thing.**

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- **The young Christian began to get discouraged, and frustrated.**
- **She wonders what's the point of trying to do what's right when others, including the person in charge gets away with taking time off work and is paid most of their regular salary.**
- **The supervisor doesn't commend her for not being like the others, and she starts to think, “Well, if you can't beat them, join them.”**

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- **The temptation to conform and follow the world instead of following Jesus is very strong.**
- **But the Lord gave her the grace to follow what the Scriptures say, rather than follow the ungodly.**

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- **In this situation we are well advised to be like the person described in Job 1:8, “A BLAMELESS AND UPRIGHT MAN, FEARING GOD AND TURNING AWAY FROM EVIL.”**

In Colossians 3:23 it says, “WHATEVER YOU DO, DO YOUR WORK HEARTILY, AS FOR THE LORD RATHER THAN FOR MEN.”

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**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- **The next point tells who was in charge.**
- **Jesus was in charge and not Peter or Andrew.**
- **These words tell us that Jesus is in charge and not us.**
- **We’re deceived if we think we can do whatever we want and expect God to bless us.**

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- **The worldly saying goes, “God helps those who help themselves” is exactly opposite to what Scripture says.**
- **In Romans 5:6 it says, “FOR WHILE WE WERE STILL HELPLESS, AT THE RIGHT TIME CHRIST DIED FOR THE UNGODLY.”**
- **We need to remember that Jesus is not just our Savior, but He is also our Lord.**

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- **The next point is to realize that when Jesus called Peter and Andrew it was pretty much an ordinary day for them.**
- **They were busy casting their nets into the sea as they had done numerous times before.**
- **In an ordinary day a most extraordinary event took place.**
- **They heard the Lord’s voice.**

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- **From this point we learn that even in the most ordinary day, we can experience the extraordinary.**
- **The Lord once asked me “Do you want to only read biographies, or do you want to live a biography?”**
- **Pray and ask the Lord to enable us to sensitive to His leading to experience the extraordinary in the midst of the ordinary.**

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- **The next point is that the Lord wanted Peter and Andrew to be with Him.**
- **Jesus wanted these new disciples to be with Him in a variety of situations.**
- **The Lord’s desire concerning Peter and Andrew is the same towards us.**
- **We also find this pattern in Paul’s life in Acts 16:3,
“PAUL WANTED THIS MAN TO GO WITH HIM.”**

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- **Paul was taking Timothy on his missionary journey.**
- **Jesus wanted Peter and Andrew to be with Him.**
- **Paul wanted Timothy to be with him.**
- **Do we want younger Christians to be with us?**
- **Sometimes the reason we don't want to spend time with younger Christians is because of selfishness.**
- **It requires giving and receiving little in return.**

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- **The next point is to remember what will happen as a result of following Jesus. It's encouraging to remember that we're rewarded for following Jesus.**
- **It's very likely the devil only reminds you of what you do wrong rather than all the things you do right and will be rewarded for.**
- **The enemy tells us it's too difficult, or it's a waste of time following Jesus.**
- **It's extremely unlikely the devil would ever remind you of the rewards waiting for us.**

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- **The New Testament describes wonderful rewards for those who are truly following the Lord.**
- **In 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 is the wreath imperishable.**
- **In 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20 is the crown of exultation.**
- **In 2 Timothy 4:5-8 is the crown of righteousness.**
- **In James 1:12 is the crown of life.**
- **In 1 Peter 5:2-4 is the crown of glory.**

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- **The next point is it was a very real experience that happened in Peter and Andrew’s life.**
- **They didn’t just imagine it.**
- **They didn’t just presume that Jesus called them.**
- **They didn’t just start attending religious meetings because people accepted them and stated acting how other people did in meetings.**

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- **In light of these observations may we make it very clear that salvation is a very real experience.**
- **It's not presumption to think and know you are saved.**
- **In verse 19 Jesus called Peter and John.**
- **In verse 20 they responded and left what they were doing.**
- **They changed what they were doing.**
- **Their actions changed.**

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- **When a person is saved it will be evident by a change.
If there is no change there has not been a change.**

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- **The next point is to consider what the response was by other people in Scripture who were also called to be disciples.**
- **In Matthew 8:19 are the words of a scribe, “TEACHER, I WILL FOLLOW YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.”**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

- **The scribe sounded very excited and enthusiastic about following Jesus.**
- **If we had been there listening to him when he said these words we might have mistaken his carnal zeal for being very spiritual.**
- **We might have even had some condemning thoughts come into our minds accusing us of not being as dedicated to the Lord as this person was.**

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- But if we listen more carefully to his words, they sound self-confident, loud, reckless, and careless.
- In verse 18 we read that there was a crowd.
- The scribe made sure the crowd heard how much zeal he had.
- Jesus wasn't and still isn't impressed with show-offs.
- No one can follow Jesus except He gives the strength to do so.
- Carnal zeal melts quickly in the fire of adversity.

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- **The next point is to ask, where was Jesus going?**
- **Jesus was going to Calvary to die for sinners.**
- **Jesus was heading for suffering and death.**
- **Then He rose again the third day.**
- **After that He ascended into heaven.**

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- **To respond to these words we need to understand that suffering cross experiences is part of following Jesus.**
- **Before we go to heaven we can expect seasons of suffering and death.**
- **But death and suffering are not the end, but going to heaven is.**
- **Do we only look at the cross and neglect the joy that follows?**

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- **In 2 Corinthians 4:17 it says, “FOR MOMENTARY, LIGHT AFFLICTION IS PRODUCING FOR US AN ETERNAL WEIGHT OF GLORY FAR BEYOND ALL COMPARISON.”**
- **As we follow Jesus we do experience to some degree the types of sufferings He endured.**
- **When we experience sufferings for His sake, the Word of God becomes fresh, alive and relevant to our life situations.**

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- **The next point is to ask what did Peter and Andrew say in response to the words of Jesus?**
- **The answer is they didn't say anything.**

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- **They didn't make excuses to get out of obeying Jesus.**
- **They didn't say “not now, maybe later.”**
- **They didn't say they were too busy.**
- **They didn't question the Lord.**
- **They didn't complain.**
- **They didn't ask why?**
- **They just obeyed.**

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- **Now we look ahead to Acts 10:14, “BUT PETER SAID, BY NO MEANS, LORD.”**
- **In the context to this verse the Lord was addressing an issue in Peter’s heart. Years after Peter immediately chose to follow Jesus an issue came up where he was resisting the Lord.**
- **What we can learn from this is as we go on following Jesus, even after several years pass, we still need to be obedient to what the Holy Spirit is showing us.**
- **There is no expiry date on obedience.**

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- **The next point is to think about whom Jesus was speaking to.**
- **In John 1:40-41 it says, “ONE OF THE TWO WHO HEARD JOHN SPEAK, AND FOLLOWED HIM, WAS ANDREW, SIMON PETER’S BROTHER. HE FOUND FIRST HIS OWN BROTHER SIMON, AND SAID TO HIM, “WE HAVE FOUND THE MESSIAH.”**
- **These verses teach us Andrew introduced Peter to Jesus.**

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- **If Andrew is compared with Peter he was not much of a soul winner.**
- **If Andrew is compared with Peter he might have seemed like a failure.**
- **If Andrew hadn't introduced Peter to Jesus history would be very different.**
- **But Andrew did lead Peter to Jesus and Peter led scores of people to the Lord.**

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- **You might only lead one person to the Lord**
- **You might get thoughts accusing you of being a failure.**
- **You might feel condemned for not being much of a soul winner.**
- **You never know what God can do with that one person you witnessed to.**
- **That person might be another Peter!**

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- **The next point is to realize is Jesus spoke the same words to different people.**
- **The Lord didn't say one thing to Peter and something different to Andrew.**
- **There wasn't any contradiction in what the Lord said.**

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- **Have you ever been witnessing to someone and they tell you that the Bible is full of contradictions?**
 - **Such a statement is a lie.**
 - **The person who says that is actually full of contradictions and using this as an excuse.**
- In Matthew 22:29 it says, “YOU ARE IN ERROR
BECAUSE YOU DO NOT KNOW THE SCRIPTURES.”**

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**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- **The next point is to realize where Peter and Andrew were looking.**
- **For Peter and Andrew to follow would mean they had to be looking at Him, and not looking back at their nets.**
- **To follow they had to constantly keep their eyes on Jesus, and not on their circumstances.**
- **In Psalms 16:8 it says, “I HAVE SET THE LORD CONTINUALLY BEFORE ME.”**
- **Do we submit to God’s unchanging Word, or to changing circumstances?**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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Here is an illustration.

- **My wife and I were walking through a market in South Korea.**
- **The market was packed with people, so walking side by side was very difficult.**
- **One of us had to walk ahead of the other.**
- **If the one following were to get distracted by the many enticing articles for sale, the person would quickly lose sight of the one walking in front.**
- **We also had to walk close to each other.**
- **If there had been a distance between us, it would have made it extremely difficult to walk together.**

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- **This illustration is much like our lives as Christians.**
- **As we follow Jesus, there are plenty of distractions along the way to cause us to lose our focus.**
- **We need to continually go to the Word of God, and remind ourselves what the Holy Spirit is saying to us.**
- **We always have to respond to what the Scriptures say rather than what circumstances say.**

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- In Romans 4:3 it says, **“WHAT DOES THE SCRIPTURE SAY?”**
- We have to be careful that other things don't come between the Lord and us.
- What are some of the things that can come between the Lord and us?
- There's no shortage of things to mention.
- If we are too busy to pray, we are too busy.
We have to be very careful that the “work of the Lord” does not come before the Lord!
- Doing the Lord's work is not more important than the Lord.

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- **In Acts 6:2 it says, “AND THE TWELVE SUMMONED THE CONGREGATION OF THE DISCIPLES AND SAID, ‘IT IS NOT DESIRABLE FOR US TO NEGLECT THE WORD OF GOD IN ORDER TO SERVE TABLES.’”**

We remember in Revelation 2:2-5 that the Church in Ephesus was known for its deeds, toil, and perseverance.

- **Yet, that church had left its first love.**
- **Whatever cools our love for the Lord is the world!**

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- **The next point is to notice, it's Peter and Andrew who Jesus was speaking to.**
- **In verse 18 Peter is put before Andrew.**
- **As we follow both men's lives through the New Testament we find Peter is mentioned much more than Andrew.**
- **We learn in John 1:40-41 Peter was a younger believer than Andrew.**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- **Now let's consider four things about Andrew;**
 - 1. He wasn't resentful towards his brother for being put before him.**
 - 2. He wasn't resentful that his brother got more attention than him.**
 - 3. He wasn't resentful that his brother received more recognition.**
 - 4. He wasn't resentful that his younger brother was used more.**

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- **Now let us compare ourselves with Andrew.**
 - 1. Are we resentful when another Christian is put before us?**
 - 2. Are we resentful when another Christian gets more attention than us?**
 - 3. Are we resentful when another Christian gets more recognition than us?**
 - 4. Are we resentful when a younger Christian is used more than us?**

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- **Andrew wasn't concerned about out doing his brother.**
- **He was concerned about out doing what the Lord wanted!**
- **Are we concerned about out doing other people or concerned about out doing what the Lord wants?**

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- **The next point is that when we continue reading the book of Matthew, neither Peter nor Andrew kept looking over their shoulders to see how their nets were doing.**
- **They weren't looking back.**
- **Neither does Scripture mention them telling anyone who would listen, that they had left behind their careers to follow Jesus.**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- **If you have left behind a lucrative career to follow Jesus we have to be careful not to make it appear we have done God a favor by following Jesus.**
- **We need to be careful not to boast about what we left behind to follow the Lord.**
- **The cost cannot be compared to the price that was paid!**
- **In Philippians 3:7 it says, “BUT WHATEVER THINGS WERE GAIN TO ME, THOSE THINGS I HAVE COUNTED AS LOSS FOR THE SAKE OF CHRIST.”**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- **Talking about the past hinders us from going forward.**
- **It's difficult to keep going forward when you keep looking backward.**
- **An unsaved person's life is like a person rowing a boat.**
- **They are going forward, growing older, but always looking backward.**

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- **In Philippians 3:13 it says, “ONE THING I DO:
FORGETTING WHAT LIES BEHIND AND REACHING
FORWARD TO WHAT LIES AHEAD.”**
- **It’s a temptation to dwell on the past because of what
someone did to us.**
- **Please remember 1 Samuel 12:24, “CONSIDER WHAT
GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE FOR YOU.”**
- **It’s good to consider what great things He has done
for us rather than consider all the bad things
people have done to us.**

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**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- **The next point is to realize there are two vital preconditions required before anyone can follow Jesus.**
- **The two are found in Matthew 16:24, “THEN JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, ‘IF ANYONE WISHES TO COME AFTER ME, LET HIM DENY HIMSELF, AND TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME.”**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- **Before anyone can follow Jesus there has to be denial of self, and taking up the cross.**
- **Derek Prince said, “To deny is to say “No!!”**
- **We must say “No” to our insistent, demanding, self-assertive ego.”**
- **We must echo the prayer of Jesus in Luke 22:42, “NOT MY WILL, BUT YOURS, BE DONE.”**

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- **The cross is where execution takes place.**
- **The cross is where God’s will and our will cross.**
- **The cross is the thing in our lives where our old man in its rebellious, selfish, self-centered, self-pleasing state is executed.**

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**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- **The next point is to realize where Jesus was going.**
- **We know Jesus went to heaven, and He said, “FOLLOW ME” to His disciples.**
- **Through reading the gospels we learn there were many who were opposed to Jesus.**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- **The ones who responded to the words “FOLLOW ME” are the ones who went to heaven.**
- **The ones opposed to Him didn’t.**
- **The ones going to heaven are people who choose to obey Him.**
- **People who don’t follow Jesus don’t go to heaven.
Are you following Jesus?**

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- **The next point is to understand Peter and Andrew had a genuine spiritual experience of Jesus coming to them.**
- **A genuine spiritual experience from God will always exalt Jesus Christ. People might claim to have had “spiritual” experiences, but we discern if such experiences are genuine if they focus on Jesus Christ.**
- **If anyone or anything is exalted above Jesus Christ, then the experience is a counterfeit.**

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- **In Matthew 2:2 it says, “WHERE IS HE WHO WAS BORN KING OF THE JEWS? FOR WE SAW HIS STAR IN THE EAST AND HAVE COME TO WORSHIP HIM.”**
- **The appearing of the star in the east was a supernatural experience for the wise men.**
- **But the star had one purpose, and that was to lead the wise men to Jesus Christ.**
- **The wise men didn’t idolize or get carried away with the star.**
- **They talked about the Lord and not the star.**

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- **Anything that detracts or leads people away from Jesus isn't from God.**
- **This would include apparitions of the “virgin Mary.”**
In Galatians 1:8 says, “BUT EVEN THOUGH WE, OR AN ANGEL FROM HEAVEN, SHOULD PREACH TO YOU A GOSPEL CONTRARY TO THAT WHICH WE HAVE PREACHED TO YOU, LET HIM BE ACCURSED.”

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- **The next point is to consider about these words is they are the same words Jesus spoke in Matthew 8:22, “FOLLOW ME, AND LET THE DEAD BURY THEIR OWN DEAD.”**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

- **In the verse previous the man’s father had passed away.**
- **Jesus spoke the same words “FOLLOW ME” to different people in different situations, but the words applied to both.**
- **The word of God applies to every aspect of life.**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

- **Here Jesus is telling where a person's priorities are to be.**
- **Nothing is more important than following our Lord.**
- **In both cases the words “FOLLOW ME,” come first.**
- **Following Jesus is to be our first priority throughout life.**

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- **The next point is to realize people would see Peter and Andrew walking with Jesus.**
- **In Acts 4:13 it refers to Peter and John, “THEY WERE MARVELING, AND BEGAN TO RECOGNIZE THEM AS HAVING BEEN WITH JESUS.”**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- **Is it apparent that we’re walking with Jesus?**
- **Someone once said, “If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to prove it?”**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- **Peter and Andrew were spending time with Jesus. From this verse we don't know what time of day it was.**
- **But in John 21: 4-6 it was early in the morning when Jesus spent some time with Peter and the boys and told them how to fish.**
- **Do we spend time with Jesus in the morning?**

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- **The next point is that Jesus wasn't just saying to His new disciples to sit and watch Him.**
- **They were to do as He did.**
- **In Judges 7:17 it captures the flavor of our Lord's words, “LOOK AT ME, AND DO LIKEWISE.”**
- **Are my actions in line with the actions of Jesus?**
- **Are my words in line with the words of Jesus?**

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- **The next point is to realize these words were spoken audibly.**
- **We also realize that these words are recorded in Scripture.**
- **The Lord spoke audibly then, and He still does today.**
- **When the Lord speaks, His voice is always in harmony to what the Scriptures say. He never contradicts what the Scriptures say.**
- **We can tell if we are correctly hearing the Lord’s voice by seeing if it agrees with Scripture.**

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- **The next point is to realize the Lord accepted Peter and Andrew.**
- **The Lord accepted them before they did anything for Him.**
- **His acceptance of them as disciples wasn't based on their performance.**
- **He called them.**
- **He chose them.**
- **He enabled them to do the task He had for them.**

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- In John 15:16 it says, **“YOU DID NOT CHOOSE ME, BUT I CHOSE YOU.”**
- When we share our testimonies it's better to say, **“When Jesus accepted me,”** rather than **“When I accepted Jesus.”**
- That's more of a Biblical way of speaking and the glory and emphasis is on Him rather than on us.

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- **The next point is to see that Jesus called these men when they were working hard casting their nets into the sea.**
- **Perhaps they were sweating from their manual labor. Very likely their clothes were some what dirty.**
- **Yet He welcomed them as they were. He didn't tell them to first take a shower, get cleaned, put clean clothes on and then follow Him.**
- **They didn't clean themselves up before following Jesus.**

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- **This point relates to when a non-Christian comes to church, stops swearing and tries to improve himself, yet hasn't repented of his sins.**
- **They might try to fit in by not swearing and even act religious.**
- **Jesus doesn't want people to try to clean themselves up before He cleans the heart by repentance and regeneration.**

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- The next point is that Peter and John weren't following the Lord before Jesus said these words.
- If they had already been following the Lord, then Jesus wouldn't have said, **“FOLLOW ME.”**
- This point points to us when we are reading the Bible.

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AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

- **Often the Holy Spirit highlights a verse, or a thought from a verse, not because we are already obeying it, but rather because we aren't.**
- **The Lord spoke these words at a particular time in Peter and John's lives.**
- **As we read the Bible the Holy Spirit illuminates a verse or repeats a theme that applies to a particular time in our lives.**

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- **The next point is to see they show a definite starting point.**
- **As Peter and Andrew followed Jesus, they went through various circumstances.**
- **Some circumstances were very good and some were very difficult.**
- **The Lord didn't say, “Follow Me until a terrible situation happens, then give up.”**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- **To do what Jesus said requires commitment.**
- **To respond to Jesus is the most important decision a person will make in their lives.**
- **There is a starting point but no finishing point because we have eternal life.**

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- **The next point is to compare them with what Jesus said to Peter in John 21:22, “YOU FOLLOW ME!”**
- **Three years passed between the time of Matthew 4:19 and John 21:22.**
- **Peter was older and circumstances had changed but the words of our Lord didn't.**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- **As we grow older and circumstances change, the Word of God never changes.**
- **Peter didn't graduate from obeying and neither do we!**
- **Our graduation day is when we go to heaven.**
- **Are we still obeying what the Lord spoke to us years ago, or has compromise crept in?**
- **There isn't any expiry date on obeying Jesus!**

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- **The next point is to look at John 21:21-22, “PETER THEREFORE SEEING HIM SAID TO JESUS, “LORD, AND WHAT ABOUT THIS MAN?” JESUS SAID TO HIM, “IF I WANT HIM TO REMAIN UNTIL I COME, WHAT IS THAT TO YOU”? YOU FOLLOW ME!”**
- **From these verses we can hear Peter comparing himself with John.**

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- **Earlier in verses 18 and 19 Jesus described how Peter was to glorify God through his death.**
- **Then as we read we see John wasn't to die in the same manner as Peter.**
- **Peter compared himself with another disciple.**
- **Perhaps he felt what he was called to do was more difficult a task than John.**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

- **We are to follow Jesus and not compare ourselves with how other people are or aren't following Him.**
- **In 2 Corinthians 10:12 it says, “WHEN THEY MEASURE THEMSELVES BY THEMSELVES AND COMPARE THEMSELVES WITH THEMSELVES, THEY ARE NOT WISE.”**

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- **The next point is to realize what happened to the four men that Jesus called in Matthew 4:18-22.**
- **Peter was martyred by death on a cross.**
- **Andrew was martyred in Achaia, Greece.**
- **James was the first disciple to die as a martyr.**
- **It's said an attempt was made on John's life by poisoning.**
- **But the Lord spared his life.**

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- **Three of these men were crucified for responding to the words “FOLLOW ME.”**
- **Only John died of natural causes.**
- **As we consider this, may we soberly and with reverence before God ask ourselves how serious are we about following Jesus?**

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- **The next point is to realize Jesus wasn't telling Peter and Andrew to do something He wasn't already doing Himself.**
- **Jesus led by example.**
- **Jesus was already ahead of them.**
- **Jesus leads us where He already has been.**
- **In Mark 10:32 it says, “...JESUS WAS WALKING ON AHEAD OF THEM.”**
- **We can't lead where we have never been led.**

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**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- The next point is to remember that as the disciples followed Jesus, they saw miracles take place.
- Up until this concluding point we may see how we can apply these points into our lives.
- But now we are faced with a fact that some if not many reading this haven't experienced as Christians.
- It's the fact that the people to whom Jesus said **“FOLLOW ME”** to did see signs and wonders following the preaching of the gospel.

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

- **Some might rationalize it by saying only the apostles saw the miracles and they don't happen today.**
- **Of course Matthew 10:1 applies to the original twelve disciples.**
- **But then we see a broader scope of disciples being sent out in Luke 10:1, “AFTER THIS THE LORD APPOINTED SEVENTY-TWO OTHERS AND SENT THEM TWO BY TWO AHEAD OF HIM TO EVERY TOWN AND PLACE WHERE HE WAS ABOUT TO GO.” Then we learn from Luke 10:17, “THE SEVENTY-TWO RETURNED WITH JOY AND SAID, “LORD, EVEN THE DEMONS SUBMIT TO US IN YOUR NAME.”**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- **But what about the other points we have addressed up until now?**
- **Did they apply only to those who Jesus called back then?**
- **In Mark 16:15-20 is a pattern those who responded to the words “FOLLOW ME” witnessed in their lives.**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

- **And we who reply to the words “FOLLOW ME” are to see the same miraculous power at work confirming the truth of the gospel.**
- **We are to pray for and expect the Holy Spirit to enable us to see healings and deliverances of demons happen today.**

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- **The next point is to remember who Jesus was speaking to when He said, “AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**
- **In verse 18 it says, “AND WALKING BY THE SEA OF GALILEE, HE SAW TWO BROTHERS, SIMON WHO WAS CALLED PETER, AND ANDREW HIS BROTHER, CASTING A NET INTO THE SEA; FOR THEY WERE FISHERMEN.”**
- **Jesus was speaking to Peter and his brother Andrew.**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

- **1. In verse 18, Peter is put first and Andrew is put second.**
- **2. More recognition is given to Peter than Andrew.**
- **3. In John 1:41-42, we learn that it was Andrew who introduced Peter to Jesus.**
- **Andrew had known the Lord longer than Peter but still Peter is put before Andrew in a leadership role.**

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- **4. In the Bible Andrew wasn't jealous that Peter was put before him.**
- **5. In the Bible it talks all about what Peter did but not all Andrew did.**
- **6. In the Bible Peter is mentioned more than his brother Andrew.**
- **7. In the Bible Peter wrote two books.**
- **Peter could write but not Andrew.**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- **How do we feel when more recognition is given to a brother than to us?**
- **How do we feel when a younger Christian is put in leadership rather than us?**
- **How do we feel when a person is put before us, do we feel jealous?**
- **How do we feel when a person is talked about more than we are?**

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- **How do we feel when a person is mentioned more than we are?**
- **How do we feel when a person is gifted in an area and we are not?**
- **How do we feel when a brother is put first and we are put second?**
- **Take more than a second to consider your answer.**

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- **The next point in respect to the disciples following Jesus and witnessing signs and wonders is that the disciples did not know they would see miracles when Jesus said to follow Him.**
- **The disciples did not have the Gospels and the book of Acts to read.**
- **The disciples did not follow Jesus just to see miracles.**
- **The disciples followed Jesus and saw miracles.**
- **If we are only preoccupied with miracles then we are not occupied with Jesus!**

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**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- **The next point is to realize Peter and John were healthy young men.**
- **They obeyed Jesus not because of what they could get but because they had been got!**
- **They did not follow so they could meet some nice female followers of Jesus.**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

- **They weren't choosing to follow Jesus for selfish reasons like “if I follow Jesus I might meet a nice Christian woman.”**
- **Why did you choose to follow Jesus?**
- **Was it because people in church are kind and accepting?**
- **Or was it because you truly wanted to follow Jesus!!**

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**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- The next point is these words are a command, followed by a promise, **“AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**
- If we were to ask how many want to receive God's promises most likely a majority would answer yes!
- But how many of us are willing to obey the Lord's commands?
- Obeying is sowing.
- Receiving is reaping.
- The promises come as fruit, or as a result of obeying the Lord's commands.

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

- The words **“AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN”** are an explanation to the command **“FOLLOW ME.”**
- When the Lord calls us to do something He will provide an explanation of why He wanted us to it. The explanation Jesus gave was directly related to reaching the lost with the gospel.
- The explanations are very often related to advancing the gospel.

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**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- **The next point is to now begin our study on the last part of the verse.**
- **Let us focus more closely on the words “FISHERS OF MEN.”**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

- **Why did Jesus choose fishermen to preach the gospel?**
- **In Jeremiah 16:16 it says, “BEHOLD, I AM GOING TO SEND FOR MANY FISHERMEN,” DECLARES THE LORD, “AND THEY WILL FISH FOR THEM...”**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

- In the **Expositor’s Commentary**, D. A. Carson said, “The metaphor **“fishers of men”** glances back to the work of the two being called.
- It may also be reminiscent of Jeremiah 16:16.
- There Yahweh sends **“fishermen”** to gather His people from the Exile, here Jesus sends **“fishermen”** to announce the end of the Exile.”
- What Jesus did fulfilled Scripture.
- Do we consciously live to fulfill Scripture?

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- **The next point is the Lord was calling them to do something they had never done before.**
- **Peter and Andrew never had any previous experience to rely on.**
- **To do what Jesus called them to required complete reliance on Him, and not on previous experiences.**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

- **Throughout our Christian lives the Lord leads us into situations to which we have no past experience to rely on.**
- **The reason is to teach us to rely on Him and not on past experiences or methods.**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

- **A few years ago I was in Brighton, England at a Bible conference.**
- **The Bible teacher prayed for the Holy Spirit to release people from hurts and demonic in-roads in their lives.**
- **Hundreds of people started screaming all over the auditorium.**
- **Suddenly a woman right behind me started screaming.**

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- I turned, placed my hand on her forehead, and commanded demons to come out in the name of Jesus.
- Immediately the Holy Spirit spoke to me and said, **“Get out of the way!”**
- I was shocked, because I didn’t know I was in His way.
- That night, I prayed, and the Lord gently whispered in my heart that I had relied on past experiences of casting out demons rather than relying on Him.
- I had to repent of pride and independence.
- If we are independent, we are not dependent on Him.

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**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- **The next point is to notice these words refer to what Jesus would do with Peter and Andrew in the future.**
- **Jesus was going to make them into something they previously weren't.**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

- **Consider Peter and compare what he was like as a new believer and how the Lord caused him to mature.**
- **As we follow Peter through the gospels and Acts we see a huge change happening in him.**
- **Later in his life the Holy Spirit enabled him to write 1st and 2nd Peter.**
- **The Lord can take your life and make you into something you might never have thought possible.**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

- **The primary condition for seeing His plan unfold in our lives is unconditional obedience to following Him.**
- **When we see young, carnal Christians, let's avoid the temptation to think they'll never amount to anything.**
- **We need to pray for them instead of being critical of them.**
- **We never know what God can do with a person in five, ten, or twenty years down the road.**
- **Let's remember the words of Philippians 2:13, “FOR IT IS GOD WHO IS AT WORK IN YOU, BOTH TO WILL AND TO WORK FOR HIS GOOD PLEASURE.”**

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**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- **The next point to see is that it's a promise Jesus was making to Peter and Andrew.**
- **Then we turn to Acts 2: 41 and read the result of Peter's preaching, “SO THEN, THOSE WHO HAD RECEIVED HIS WORD WERE BAPTIZED; AND THERE WERE ADDED THAT DAY ABOUT THREE THOUSAND SOULS.”**

We clearly see that Peter had been made a fisher of men.

- **Jesus kept His promise.**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

- **Do we keep our promises?**
 - **From when Jesus promised Peter he would be a fisher of men to what is seen in Acts 2:41 a few years had passed.**
 - **When the Lord gives us a promise in Scripture we can be sure He will do it.**
- We also understand that there's a temptation to think it will happen immediately.**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- **In Genesis 28:15 God promised Jacob he would return to his land.**
- **In Genesis 32:9 the promise happened after 20 years.**
- **In Genesis 37:7 God promised Joseph’s brothers would bow to him.**
- **In Genesis 42:6 the promise happened after 20 years.**
- **However long it takes, the Lord is faithful in keeping His promises.**

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- **The next point reflects some of the experiences that Peter and Andrew would have in their lives.**
- **It's important to remember these words follow the words “FOLLOW ME.”**
- **These words are what Jesus said, and the experiences would follow.**
- **There's both the Word and experiences.**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

- In verse 19 isn't just **“FOLLOW ME”** and neither is verse 19 only **“AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**
- Verse 19 is composed of both the Word and experiences.
- In verse 19 there is an order, first the Word, and second the experiences.
- This pattern teaches us the importance of having both.

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

- **In some parts of the body of Christ over emphasis is given to the Word with little or no emphasis placed on accompanying supernatural experiences.**
- **In other parts of the body of Christ there's an over emphasis on experiences with a lack of teaching the Word of God.**
- **Both extremes aren't what is seen in Scripture.**
- **In relationship to this point someone once said “The Word without the Spirit you dry up. The Spirit without the Word you blow up!”**

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**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- **The next point to consider is the response of Peter and John.**
- **In verse 20 it says, “LEFT THE NETS.”**
- **Jesus spoke and gave a clear command, now what was required was a clear response.**
- **Peter and John were not mere hearers of the word but doers of the word.**
- **In James 1:22 it says, “BUT PROVE YOURSELVES DOERS OF THE WORD, AND NOT MERE HEARERS WHO DELUDE THEMSELVES.”**

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**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- **The next point to consider is the relationship these words have to the words in verse 20, “LEFT THE NETS.”**
- **We learn that Peter and John owned nets.**
- **Those nets would be valuable.**
- **Jesus didn’t call them so He could get their nets. Jesus didn’t invite them to follow Him because of what they had or could do.**
- **Jesus doesn’t accept us on the basis of what we have or what we can do.**

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**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- **The next point to consider is the response of Peter and John.**
- **In verse 20 it says, “AN THEY IMMEDIATELY LEFT THE NETS.”**
- **Peter and John were busy when Jesus called them.**
- **Although they were busy they were not too busy to respond to the Lord.**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

- **If we are too busy to spend time with Jesus, then we are too busy.**
- **If we are not careful we will be careless.**
- **If we don't pray we will be prey.**
- **There are times when you will feel inside a prompting to leave what you are doing and go and pray.**
- **It's vital to obey those promptings.**
- **This can happen when we have free time.**
- **We need to be careful how we use free time.**

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- **The next point to consider continues on with verse 20,
“AND THEY IMMEDIATELY LEFT THE NETS.”**
- **Peter and John quickly responded to Jesus.**
- **It doesn't say they folded the nets nice and tidy and then followed Him.**
- **We get the impression they just left them.**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

- **Perhaps it would appear irresponsible to just leave valuable nets.**
- **Perhaps to some we seem irresponsible when we responded to God’s call to repentance and following Jesus.**
- **Perhaps some people might have thought that yes they left their nets but they would come back for them.**
- **Surely following Jesus would be just a passing fad. Perhaps you heard something similar when you became a Christian, that it was just a passing fad and that you would get over it.**

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**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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- **This is our concluding point.**
- **From these words we learn Jesus wanted Peter and Andrew to be actively involved in evangelism.**
- **Jesus also wants us to be actively involved in evangelism.**
- **It’s remarkable to see that when Jesus called His first disciples, His first concern was to equip them to be effective in evangelism.**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

- **Then we look at Mark 16:15 and read the first words Jesus spoke in Mark after rising from the dead,
“GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL
TO ALL CREATION.”**
- **The first words to the first disciples carried the same message as the first words spoken after the resurrection.**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

- **Now we look at Acts 1:8 and see that the last words Jesus spoke before the ascension concerned being fishers of men, “BUT YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU; AND YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES BOTH IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE REMOTEST PART OF THE EARTH.”**
- **Our Lord’s vision was to reach the lost with the Gospel.**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

- **May we ask ourselves if we have the same vision as our Lord's vision.**
- **Does that vision affect our lives?**
- **Does that vision affect how we live?**
- **Does that vision affect where we live?**
- **Does that vision affect how we use our time?**
- **Does that vision affect how we use the money God enables us to earn?**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

- **And those beautiful words of Jesus echo in our hearts,**
- **“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.”**

If we are born again by God’s Spirit then:

- **Jesus has called us.**
- **Jesus has filled us with His Holy Spirit.**
- **Jesus promises to give us the words to speak.**
- **Jesus promises to be with us and never leave nor forsake us.**
- **Jesus is right now interceding to the Father for us.**

**“AND HE SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME,
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