

Beach Break
Surrendering to His Leadership
Mark 1:16-20

Beach Break: Meeting Jesus on the Shore...

Series Truth!

WE go to BREAK the MONOTONY, but JESUS comes to BREAK us for MORE!

Mark 1:16–20 (ESV) — Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

This story of the calling of the first disciples (Peter, Andrew, James, and John) is found in ALL FOUR gospels!

Matthew and Mark tell the story exactly the same...

Luke, however, adds a couple of important parts to the story that we are going to focus on next week

John, one of the four, adds a couple of important pre-story tidbits that help fill out the whole story...

1. Jesus is WATCHING you!

Mark 1:16a (ESV) — Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon...

He knew them and was watching them!

John 1:35–38 (ESV) — The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?”

They were seeking more!!!

They were seeking Him!

John 1:39 (ESV) — He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

The 10th hour is 4:00 in the afternoon...

Andrew went back to his brother Simon...

John 1:41 (ESV) — He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ).

They had believed the promises of God...

There life was difficult under Roman rule and taxation...

They knew there was more!

We know the Bible says...

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think ...

And yet we find God doing far less and lacking that which we thought...

But Jesus is watching us!!!

Do you want to experience the more of God?

Are you tired of the monotony of going through the motions of life and ready to really start living?

You won't find what you are looking for in ...

- ***Money***
- ***Friends***
- ***Stuff***
- ***This evil culture***

If you are truly seeking for more, know this... JESUS KNOWS!

1. Jesus is WATCHING you!

2. Jesus is WAITING for you!

Mark 1:16 (ESV) — Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

After Andrew's encounter with Jesus he was excited and told his brother, Simon, but there was work to do!

So they went to their boat and began an evening of fishing...

Over and over, through the night they were casting their net...

Sometime in the early morning hours Jesus came to the shore and began watching Simon and Andrew busy in their work...

Notice that Jesus doesn't interrupt them in their busyness...

I have found busyness to be the greatest tool the enemy uses to keep us from encounters with Jesus!

In fact, ...

Mindless busyness is the mental preoccupation of most people today!

It is difficult to keep people focused in a meaningful conversation without them constantly texting on their phone!

Isaiah 40:31 (ESV) — But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

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2. Jesus is WAITING for you!

3. Jesus is WALKING towards you!

But finally, they ended their work and came back to shore...

Luke 5:2 (ESV) — And he [Jesus] saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.

We will look in greater detail at Luke's telling of the story next week, but for now we know that Andrew and Simon had come to shore and were washing their nets to have them ready for the next night of fishing.

They were finished working and were now relaxing somewhat...

It is here in this moment of "BEACH BREAK" that Jesus approaches Simon and Andrew...

Matthew 13:22 (ESV) — As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.

Martha busying herself and missing what was most important!

Luke 10:40–42 (ESV) — But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

Until we remove the attraction of distraction we will never experience the good portions of God's best!

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4. Jesus is WANTING you!

Mark 1:17 (ESV) — And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

The phrase, "Follow me..." is actually three Greek words...

"Come to follow me as your leader..."

"Come to follow me as your leader and I will cause you to become fishermen of people."

John 15:16a (NLT) — You didn't choose me. I chose you...

John 6:44a (ESV) — No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.

So what was their response?

Mark 1:18 (ESV) — And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

The word translated, “immediately” means, “a point of time immediately subsequent to the previous point of time.”

So, in other words, Jesus said, “Come and lay aside everything that is hindering you from experiencing MORE...”

... and they did!

We see the same response from James and John

Mark 1:16–20 (ESV) — And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

Have you quieted your soul enough to hear Jesus calling out to you today?

Hebrews 3:15 (ESV) — As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

Jesus is ready to call you into the MORE of His Kingdom...

What is your response?

Matthew 11:28 (ESV) — Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

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