



**WHEN WE
REACH OUT**

**FOUR STRATEGIES
FOR ALL OF US**



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John 1:35-51

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!” When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What are you seeking?” They said, “Rabbi, where are you staying?” He replied, “Come and you will see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.



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Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah." And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which means Peter).



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The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee.

Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”

Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote— Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

“Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?”

Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip.



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John 1:35-51

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“This is the Word of the Lord.”

“Thanks be to God.”



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The **Energy** of Inviting



“The world rings with praise—lovers praising their mistresses, readers their favorite poet, walkers praising the countryside, players praising their favorite game—praise of weather, wines, dishes, actors, motors, horses, colleges, countries, historical personages, children, flowers, mountains, rare stamps, rare beetles, even sometimes politicians or scholars....

C.S. Lewis



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“The humblest, yet most balanced and capacious minds, praised most, while the cranks, misfits, and malcontents praised least. Praise almost seems to be inner health made audible.

C.S. Lewis



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“People spontaneously praise whatever they value, and so they spontaneously urge us to join them: “Isn’t she lovely? Wasn’t it glorious? Don’t you think that magnificent?” I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; it is its appointed consummation.””

C.S. Lewis



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The **Effect** of Inviting



“**Asking** is the great spiritual law of the universe through which things are accomplished in cooperation with God and in harmony with the freedom of each individual.”

Dallas Willard





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John 1:47-49



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What is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? Indeed, you are our glory and joy.

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20



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The **Ease** of Inviting



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- “If Christians were more articulate about their faith.”



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Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Matthew 11:11



“Thus if you never spend any time pointing out who Jesus is—never share your faith or articulate the gospel from one month to the next, one year to the next—you are refraining from the one thing that makes you distinctively great.”

D.A. Carson





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O God our Father,
we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ,
to bless and sanctify this bread and cup
to the souls of all who receive them,
that we may eat and drink in remembrance of Jesus,
that we may bear witness to his saving death,
that we may testify to his resurrection life,
and that, so nourished, we share his grace with others.

We joyfully confess that our only comfort in life and death
is that we are not our own, but belong—
body and soul, in life and in death—
to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



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