



Follow Me!

Matt 4:18-22

"Jesus poured His life into a few disciples and taught them to make other disciples. Seventeen times we find Jesus with the masses, but forty-six times we see Him with His disciples." Dann Spader

"The greatest gift a church can receive is to have a group of families who take their responsibilities with such Christian seriousness that they are willing to completely alter their lifestyle to raise up disciples for Jesus Christ." Abraham Kuyper

18 Now as Jesus was 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.



19 And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."
20 Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

21 Going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them.

δεῦτε – come after to learn ἀκολουθέω – on the road to walk beside > to join one as a disciple, become or be a disciple

Looking for busy people – Matt 4

- Simon and Andrew were working
- Jesus converts their job into a commission
- James and John were working
- Jesus converts their job into a commission
- 'wait until things let up then I will help'

"Thriving churches have the Great Commission as the centerpiece of their vision, while dying churches have forgotten the clear command of Christ." Thom Rainer



22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

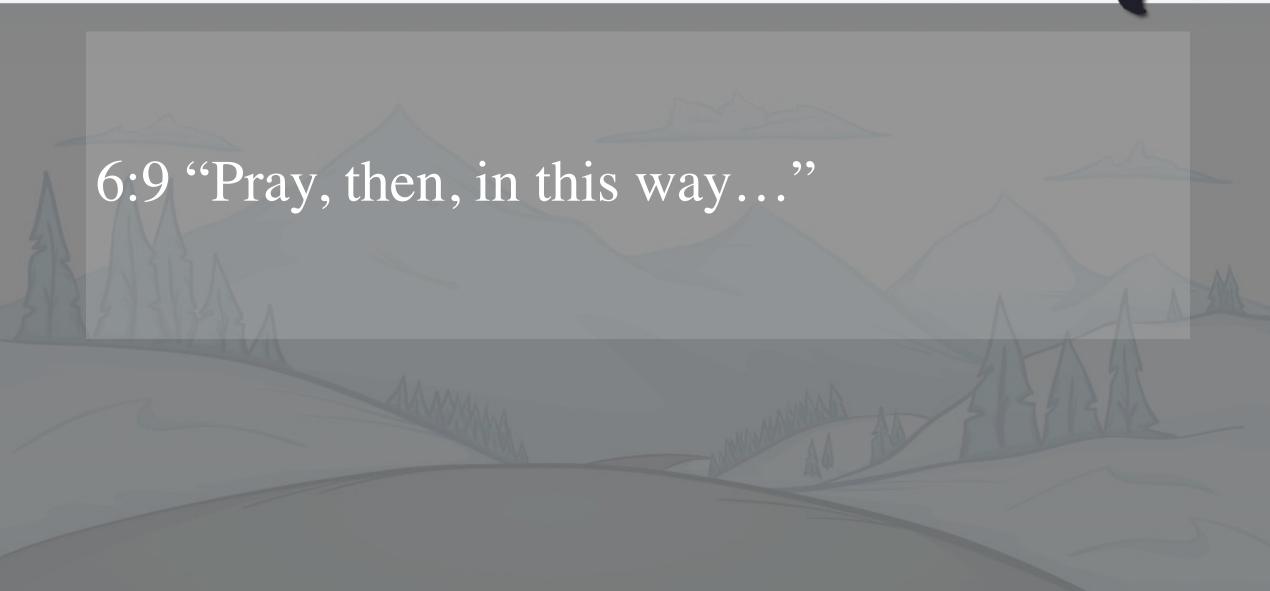
Looking for willing people Matt 4

- They left their vocation
- They left their security
- They left their comfort zones

"Jesus does not give recipes that show the way to God as other teachers of religion do. He is Himself the way." Karl Barth

5:1,2 When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying...

5:21,22 "You have heard that ...But I say to you..." 27,28 "You have heard that it was said...but I say to you..." 31,32 "It was said...but I say to you..." 33,34 "Again, you have heard that the ancients were told...But I say to you..." 38,39 "You have heard that it was said,...But I say to you..., 43,44 "You have heard that it was said...But I say to



6:33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

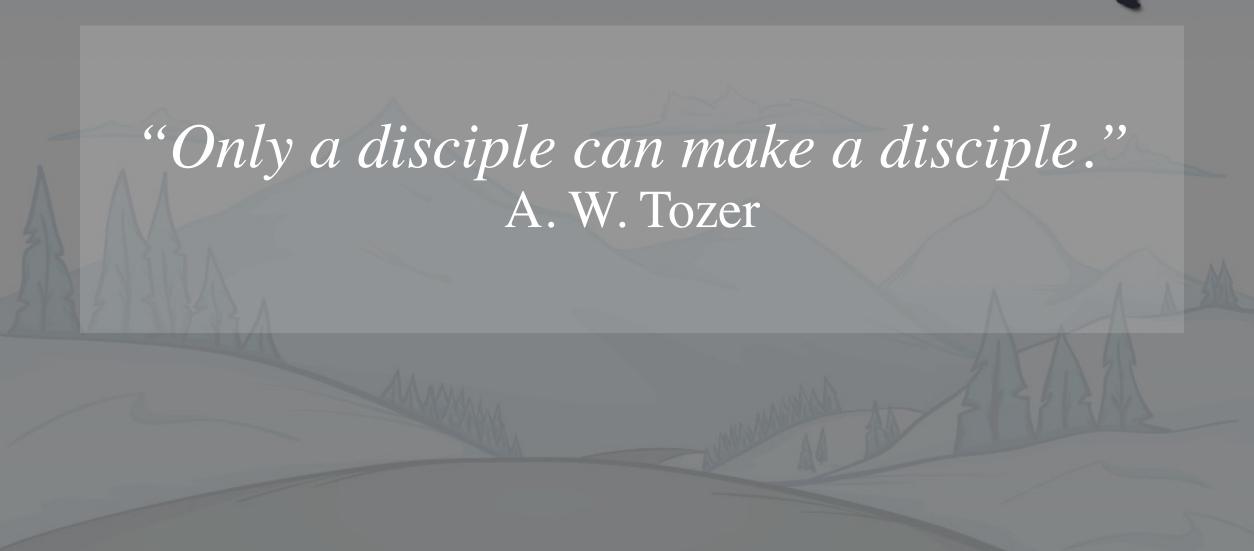
7:24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock.

7:28,29 When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

Looking for learning people Matt 5-7

- You have heard learn this...
- Prayer is essential!
- First things first
- Solid foundations
- Authority of God's Word

"To be a disciple is to be committed to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and committed to following Him every day." Billy Graham



8:5 And when Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, imploring Him...

8:14 When Jesus came into Peter's home, He saw his mother-in-law lying sick in bed with a fever.

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8:23,24 When He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him. And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being covered with the waves;

8:28 When He came to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, two men who were demon-possessed met Him as they were coming out of the tombs. They were so extremely violent that no one could pass by that way.

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Looking for trusting people Matt 8

- Jesus goes to least likely:
 - Centurion
 - Mother-in-law
 - Stormy sea
 - Demoniac
- Tested disciples will you trust Me? Follow Me?



"Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ." Dietrich Bonhoeffer

So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My lambs." John 21:15

Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me!" John 21:19

So Peter 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!" John 21:21,22

"Resolved: that all men should live for the glory of God. Resolved second: that whether others do or not, I will." Martin Luther

