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Follow Me!

Matt 4:18-22

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“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

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“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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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δεῦτε – come after to learn

ἀκολουθέω – on the road to walk beside

> to join one as a disciple, become or be
a disciple

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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’

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

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

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Looking for willing people Matt 4

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

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

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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...

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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 you...”

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6:9 “Pray, then, in this way...”

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

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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.

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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.

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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

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

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“Only a disciple can make a disciple.”

A. W. Tozer

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

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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;

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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?

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*“Christianity without discipleship is always
Christianity without Christ.”* Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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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

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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

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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

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



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