

FISH, PUZZLES, AND STEPS

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I. FOLLOW ME

Matthew 4:18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

A. Jesus chooses normal people to follow Him.

- 1. Jesus does not expect you to be who you are not.**

Matthew 4:19 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

- 2. When you are a follower of Jesus, you are called to introduce others to Him.**

- 3. The fish won't catch themselves.**

Matthew 28:19-20 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

B. A Call to Missions

- 1. Missions At Calvary**

- Committing to Pray
- Collaborating to Give
- Challenging to Go

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“So, you have three possibilities in world missions. You can be a goer, a sender, or disobedient. The Bible does not assume that everyone goes. But it does assume that the ones who do not go care about goers and support goers and pray for goers.” — John Piper.

- 2. Are you a goer, a sender, or disobedient?**

- Don't be that guy! Get moving!

Matthew 4:20 At once they left their nets and followed him.

3. Even when you cannot put the whole puzzle together, allow God to put the next piece in place.

II. HOW TO KNOW WHEN IT MIGHT NOT BE GOD CALLING YOU

A. When it is on a whim, it might not be God calling you.

B. When you do not have the affirmation of good counsel, it might not be God calling you.

C. When the timing is not right, it might not be God calling you.

Matthew 4:21-22 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

III. FOLLOWING JESUS

A. Following Jesus will mean disruption.

B. Following Jesus will come with a cost.

- There isn't a mission of God that doesn't require a cross to carry.

C. Following Jesus requires taking the next step.

D. Following Jesus brings life to you and hope to the world.