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Come, Follow Me

Matthew 4:18-25 NRSV

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- Matthew 4:18-25

²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, people possessed by demons or having epilepsy or afflicted with paralysis, and he cured them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

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“My dear Wormwood, I note with grave displeasure that your patient has become a Christian...in the meantime, we must make the best of the situation. There is no need to despair; hundreds of these adult converts have been reclaimed after a brief sojourn in the Enemy’s camp and are now with us. All the habits of the patient, both mental and bodily, are still in our favour.”

- The Screwtape Letters, C.S. Lewis

Christian vs disciple

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

- Matthew 16:24 (NIV)

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- Matthew 4:18-22

“The greatest issue facing the world today, with all its heartbreaking needs, is whether those who...are identified as ‘Christians’ will become disciples - students, apprentices, practitioners - of Jesus Christ, steadily learning from him how to live the life of the Kingdom of the Heavens into every corner of human existence.”

- Dallas Willard