

Jesus is Calling

Matthew 4:18-22



Following Jesus – Answering the Call

- **John 12:26** - If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

Jesus Calls Andrew and Peter

- **Matthew 4:18** - ¹⁸ While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

The Value of Labor and Work

- **Ecclesiastes 5:19** - ¹⁹ Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God.
- **Colossians 3:23-24** - ²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Never Too Busy

- **Matthew 4:19-20** - 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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A Higher Commitment

- **Matthew 19:27-30** - ²⁷ Then Peter said in reply, “See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?” ²⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

A Higher Commitment

- **Matthew 10:28** - ²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.
 - **Matthew 10:32-33** - ³² So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.
- **Jesus is looking for dedicated workers in his vineyard.**

No Reward for Cowardice and Laziness

- **Revelation 21:8** - But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion

James and John – The Sons of Thunder

- **Matthew 4:21-22** - ²¹ And 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. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.
- **Mark 3:17** - James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder);