

FOLLOW ME

MADE BY JESUS

THE LIFE, MINISTRY, AND LETTERS OF PETER



MATTHEW 4:19

*"Follow Me, and I will
make you fishers of men."*



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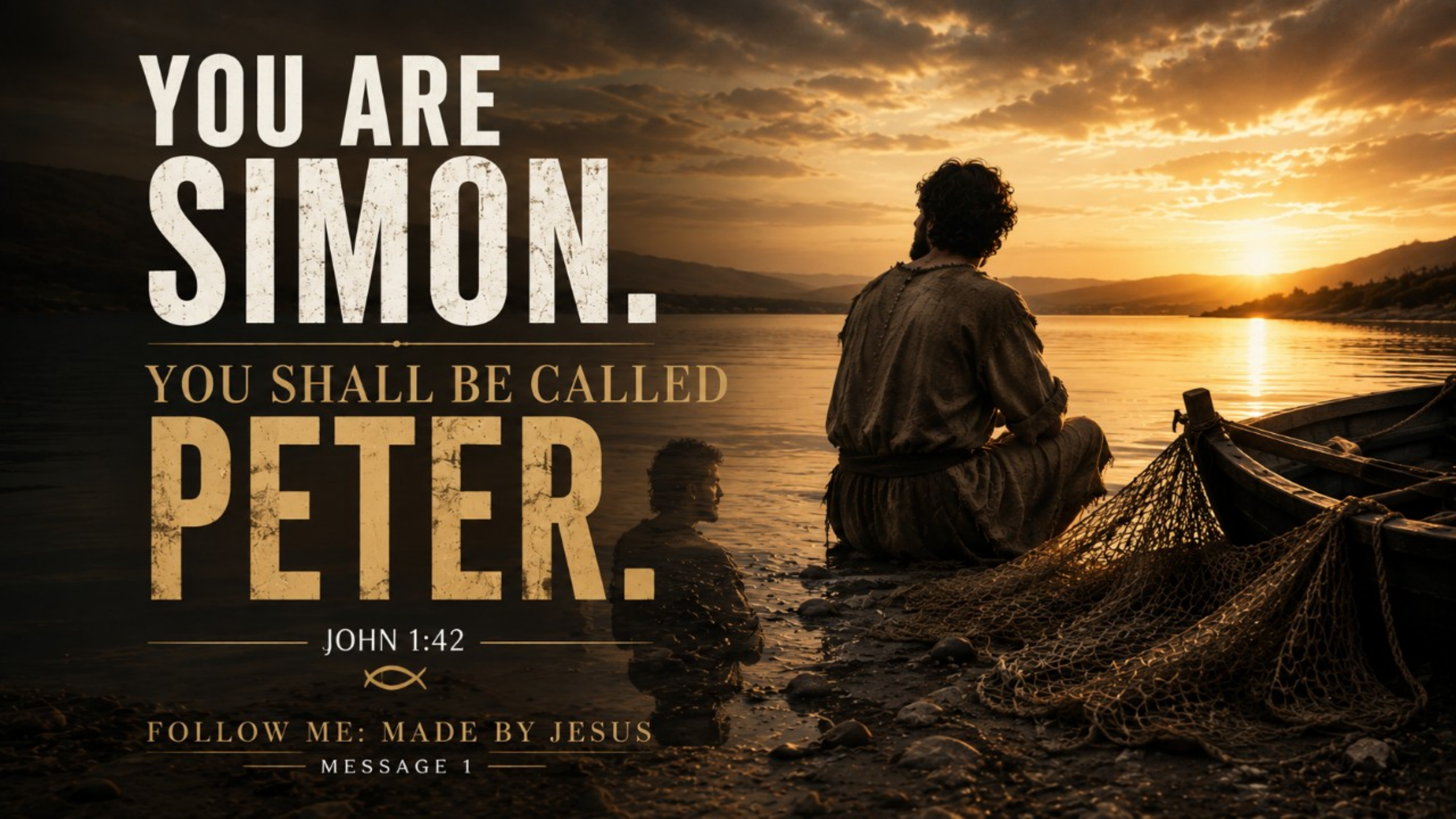


MESSAGE TWO

AT YOUR WORD

LUKE 5:1-11

EMPTY NETS. | CHRIST'S WORD. | OVERFLOWING GRACE. | A NEW PURPOSE.

A man with curly hair and a beard, wearing a simple tunic, sits on a rocky shore looking out at a calm body of water. A young boy stands in the shallow water, also looking towards the horizon. A fishing net is draped over the side of a small wooden boat in the foreground. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow across the entire scene.

YOU ARE SIMON.

YOU SHALL BE CALLED
PETER.

JOHN 1:42



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MESSAGE 1

Jesus calls us to trust His word, confronts us with who He is, and transforms our lives for His purposes.

**EMPTY NETS → CHRIST'S WORD → OVERFLOWING GRACE → A NEW
PURPOSE**

Luke 5:1–11

Grace moves Peter from failure to following.



The story is not mainly about Peter catching fish. Jesus uses the fish to capture the fisherman.

Jesus steps into the part of life Peter understands best.

JOHN 1:35–42

Peter has already met Jesus through Andrew.

LUKE 4:38–39

Jesus has entered Simon's home and healed his mother-in-law.

Now Jesus enters Peter's workplace, expertise, fatigue, and failure.

Jesus enters the ordinary places of our lives and speaks with divine authority.

THE SHORE

A crowd presses in to hear God's word.

THE BOAT

Jesus sits down and teaches.

Jesus does not wait for a sacred setting. He claims Peter's workplace as the place where His authority will be heard.

Jesus uses Peter's boat as a pulpit.

Jesus first uses Peter's boat as a pulpit before He transforms Peter into a preacher.

Before Jesus directs Peter's work, He establishes the authority of His word.



Jesus calls us to trust His word beyond what we think we know.

PETER KNOWS

the lake
the trade
the failure

JESUS COMMANDS

“Put out into the deep water
and let down your nets
for a catch.”

Faith begins where Christ's word outranks our conclusions.

THE HINGE OF THE STORY

AT YOUR WORD

“Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but at Your word I will let down the nets.”

LUKE 5:5

ῥῆμα • rhēma (RAY-mah) • “At Your word”

word • saying • utterance • something spoken

NOT A RIGID DISTINCTION

Logos = Bible

Rhēma = private revelation

WHAT MATTERS HERE

**Peter acts because
Jesus has spoken.**

Peter's confidence is not in the power of his own words. Logos and rhēma overlap in the New Testament; context determines the nuance.

Peter's experience is real. Christ's word is final.

ALL NIGHT

**hard work
expert knowledge
empty nets**

ONE WORD

**obedient trust
sovereign command
overwhelming catch**

The issue is not whether Peter has reasons to hesitate. The issue is whose word rules the boat.

The miracle reveals who Jesus is before it reveals what Peter must do.

OMNISCIENCE

He knows what Peter does not.

SOVEREIGNTY

Creation is under His authority.

OMNIPOTENCE

He accomplishes what effort cannot.

HOLINESS

Peter becomes conscious of his sin.

GRACE

“Depart” meets “Do not fear.”

AUTHORITY

He determines Peter’s new purpose.

Jesus reveals His greatness and exposes our sinfulness.

THE CATCH FILLS THE BOATS.

**THE PRESENCE OF JESUS EMPTIES PETER OF
SELF-CONFIDENCE.**

Peter does not celebrate his technique. He falls at Jesus' knees.

Master becomes Lord.

ἐπιστάτης

epistatēs • MASTER



κύριος

kyrios • LORD

Before the catch, Peter addresses Jesus as the One in charge. After the catch, he falls before the Lord.

Luke writes “Simon Peter.” Jesus addresses “Simon.”

LUKE 5:8

“When Simon Peter saw this ...”

LUKE 5:10

“Do not fear, Simon ...”

This is Luke’s first use of “Simon Peter.” We should not make too much of it—but, in light of John 1:42, we should not make nothing of it either.

Jesus does not leave when Peter asks Him to leave.

“Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!”

LUKE 5:8

DO NOT FEAR

Peter's sinfulness is exposed—but it does not outrun Christ's grace.

Jesus calls sinners to follow Him and gives their lives a new purpose.

“FROM NOW ON...”

**Jesus does not merely forgive Peter's past.
He determines Peter's future.**

Grace becomes calling. Calling becomes following.

The call contains the whole shape of discipleship.



Peter does not make Peter. Jesus makes Peter.

A dramatic scene of several fishermen in a wooden boat on the water at sunset. The men are pulling a large net filled with fish. The sky is dark with a golden glow from the setting sun on the horizon. The text is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

**THEY LEAVE THE GREATEST CATCH
THEY HAVE EVER SEEN**

TO FOLLOW THE ONE WHO GAVE IT.

LUKE 5:11

The catch is revelation—not a formula for material abundance.

NOT Work harder → obey correctly → receive material abundance

BUT Human inability → Christ's word → Christ revealed →
sin confessed → grace received → a new purpose

They leave the greatest catch they have ever seen to follow the One who gave it. They do not follow the blessing. They follow Jesus.

Empty nets. Christ's word. Overflowing grace. A new purpose.

Peter's empty nets taught him the limits of his own ability.

Christ's word taught him the limitless authority of Jesus.

The miracle brought him to his knees, and grace put him back on his feet with a mission.

Am I following Jesus Himself—or am I mainly following Him for what I hope He will put in my net?

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I WILL MAKE YOU

CHRIST'S CALL • CHRIST'S WORK • CHRIST'S PURPOSE