

FOLLOW ME

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THE LIFE, MINISTRY, AND LETTERS OF PETER



MATTHEW 4:19

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



A cinematic scene of Jesus with his twelve apostles on a rocky shore. Jesus, with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a white robe with a grey shawl, sits on a rock facing the disciples. He is gesturing with his right hand while speaking. The disciples, also in robes and some with head coverings, are seated around him, listening intently. The background features a calm body of water reflecting the golden light of a setting sun. The sky is filled with soft, orange-hued clouds, and distant mountains are visible on the horizon. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative.

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The story so far

Jesus does the making

MESSAGE 1

Jesus knows Simon

John 1:42

MESSAGE 2

Jesus calls Simon

Luke 5 / Matthew 4:19

MESSAGE 3

Jesus forms Peter
through life with
Himself

Mark 3:14

KNOWS - CALLS - FORMS

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Big Idea

Jesus calls imperfect people to be with Him, forms them through relationship with Him, and sends them into His mission under His authority.

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I. Jesus chooses before His disciples achieve.

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- Jesus takes the initiative in calling the Twelve.
- Calling is grace, not recognition of achievement.
- The Twelve signal Israel's promised restoration arriving in and through her Messiah.

Calling begins what Christ intends to make of us.

II. Jesus calls us to presence before performance.

Mark 3:14a

- Jesus appointed the Twelve first so that they would be with Him.
- Being with Jesus is formation, not inactivity.
- Peter's classroom is Jesus Himself.
- Peter learned by listening, watching, questioning, failing, being corrected, and continuing to follow.

Before Peter could do anything for Jesus, he had to learn to be with Jesus.

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III. Jesus sends His disciples under His authority.

Mark 3:14b-15

- Jesus sends them to preach and gives authority over demons.
- Their authority is delegated, not independent.
- Christ sends His people to serve under His authority.

COME - BE WITH - BE FORMED - BE SENT

IV. Jesus names people according to His transforming purpose.

Mark 3:16

- John 1:42: Jesus first names Simon Peter.
- Mark 3:16: Jesus confirms that name among the Twelve.
- Grace had not finished with Simon.
- Peter is prominent, but Jesus remains preeminent.

Jesus named him Peter because He intended to transform him.

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V. Being near Jesus is not the same as trusting Jesus.

Mark 3:17-19

- Judas heard Jesus, saw His works, and participated in ministry.
- Proximity to Jesus is not saving faith.
- Peter also fails terribly.
- Two called disciples will fail Jesus terribly, but their failures will not have the same ending.

The warning is real: stay near Jesus in trusting faith.

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Reflection & Application

1. Am I actually with Jesus, or merely doing things associated with Jesus?
2. Is His Word forming me, or am I simply accumulating biblical information?
3. Am I serving under Christ's authority, or relying on ability and technique?
4. When I fail, do I run from Jesus, or return to the One who called me?

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The Takeaway

Before Jesus sends Peter to speak for Him, Peter must learn to stay with Him.

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