

## John 1:35-51, "Jesus Calls His First Disciples"

- ↪ Review: Jesus' is mobile; leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, **Matthew 4:13**... "From then on Jesus began to preach, "Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near."" **Matthew 4:17**.
  - ↪ Two stories of calling two sets of disciples and learners, first Andrew & Simon, then Philip & Nathaniel.
  - ↪ "The next day, John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus" **John 1:35-37**. Lambs in the Old Testament were sacrificed to cover people's sins. The Lamb of God would take all sins away for those who trusted Him!
  - ↪ "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" **John 1:29**.
  - ↪ John the Baptizer shows the process of following Jesus. Those who know Him, "Glow & Show."
  - ↪ First pair of disciples, Andrew & Simon
    - ✓ "The following day, John was again standing with two of his disciples. As Jesus walked by, John looked at him and declared, "Look! There is the Lamb of God!" When John's two disciples heard this, they followed Jesus. Jesus looked around and saw them following. "What do you want?" he asked them. They replied, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" "Come and see," he said. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day." **John 1:35-39**.
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- ↪ Before digging into Jesus' words, let us note that Jesus, Himself, follows this same process. Those who know, "Glow & Show."
    - ✓ They know what they need. This is the start of something great. Is interesting and exuberant, Swag, Charisma, Mojo, or Confidence. Jesus was in effect asking, "What do you want out of life?" He shows them the way (Himself) He is Tag-Along-Able.
    - ✓ His physical residency was temporary, until about 4 p.m., probably at the generosity of others. They spent that day with Jesus. Jesus, just a short time later would call them to a "Full Time" following.
    - ✓ Cornerstone Bible Commentary: They did more than change their physical residence at this time; they found a new home with God in Christ.
    - ✓ "Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus. Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means "Christ"). Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, "Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas" (which means "Peter")." **John 1:40-42**.
    - ✓ Andrew knows and glows. Can you hear the excitement in his voice? He shows Simon (now Peter) the way.
  - ↪ Illustration: New restaurant, recipe, gadget, meme? You know, you glow, you show!
    - ✓ QUESTION: When was the last time you were WOWed by Jesus? Oh Jesus, there you go again!! Surely Goodness; Running after me, not from a theological mandate.
  - ↪ Jesus connects with Simon by revealing Simon's true (and Christ-given) potential. I see a ROCK in you! So, Peter starts glowing and eventually becomes that rock!
    - ✓ "It is altogether possible to be instructed in the rudiments of the faith and still have no real understanding of the whole thing. And it is possible to go on to become an expert in Bible doctrine and not have spiritual illumination, with the result that a veil remains over the mind, preventing it from apprehending the truth in its spiritual essence." AW Tozer
  - ↪ Young Believers. Question: Would the old you, let the young you, teach your children or "Grandchildren"?
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### ↪ The second pair: Philip & Nathaniel

- ✓ "The next day, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Come, follow me." Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter's hometown." **John 1:43-44.**
- ✓ In the calling of the first disciples, John's two disciples inquired and wanted more details about Jesus. What they knew of Him was intriguing, but they wanted more. Here the learners took the initiative at the bidding of their current teacher. In the calling of the second set of disciples, Jesus seeks out Philip. In Jewish times, it was the disciple who sought after the teacher. Jesus here flips the script and takes the initiative. Philip quickly became a believer. He becomes convinced that Jesus is the Messiah. Even though Philip surely did not know what that really meant at the time, he immediately put his belief to work. Follow Me. This is the same invitation that God gives us today. Journey with Me, and I will show you things, one event, one day at a time.
- ✓ "Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, "We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth." "Nazareth!" exclaimed Nathanael. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" "Come and see for yourself," Philip replied." **John 1:45-46.**
- ✓ A different kind of glow. "I bet they are a believer" glow. There was energy, exuberance, expectation, hope, joy, and peace. These are the byproducts of "Knowing Him."
- ✓ They didn't let Nathaniel's negativity deter them. Check it out. Don't dismiss my experience! Come judge for yourself. That is all anyone could ask for.
- ✓ "As they approached, Jesus said, "Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity." "How do you know about me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus replied, "I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you."" **John 1:47-48.**
- ✓ Did Jesus physically see him? Miraculously? It wowed Nathaniel. Nathaniel's heritage; he was a good guy from a good family.
- ✓ Jacob and Esau both had a lot of falseness.
- ✓ "Then Nathanael exclaimed, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!" Jesus asked him, "Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this."<sup>51</sup> Then he said, "I tell you the truth; you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the One who is the stairway between heaven and earth."" **John 1:49-51.**
- ✓ Nathaniel is the first to confess Jesus as Messiah without divine or human intervention. No angels, no prophets... "Just" Jesus. Jesus then refers to Jacob's Ladder. Believing precedes being shown "greater things".
- ✓ Is "Just" Jesus enough for you? Where are you? Jesus is ready to show you who He is so that you can know Him. He desires to lead you on a lifelong journey, an eternal experience with Him. Do you know the Gospel? Do you glow? Lost your first love? Glowing causes the fear of missing out in others. Inquiring minds want to know! Inquiring minds (concerning the things of God) are rewarded with the presence and knowledge of God. God wired your friends and family to want to know him.

### ↪ Glow – Sanctification

- ✓ No one follows Jesus and stays the same. No one! How is your journey of change and of sanctification going?
- ✓ "And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." **Philippians 1:6.**
- ✓ "God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin." **1 Thessalonians 4:3.**
- ✓ It is God's will that you should be sanctified.

### ↪ CLOSING

- ✓ Do you know? Do you glow? Do you show? Bring and point to Jesus. That is our main job!