

Matthew 4:18-20

God's call on or life

“And walking by the sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” And they immediately left the nets, and followed Him.

Question - What has God called us from and what has He called us into? I know this is really two questions and I want to spend a little time on them today.

-What has God called us from? Each of us has a testimony. This is that first awareness that God has actually made it impossible for you to go in any direction except towards Him. Some of us take longer than others to finally turn and embrace Him (Many a hardship He has allowed in or lives in order to wake us up.) While others just let go of their nets and follow Him. What I'd like to bring up is that your testimony is probably one of the most useful tools you have for winning others to Christ. This is the point of contact which others most relate to and begin to see why forsaking all to follow Christ is truly the most blessed and wonderful way to live. This just reminds us that we need to take some time to revisit our past and refresh ourselves on where we came from and how God extracted us. If we write it out or talk about it with friends and family it will bring it back to the forefront of our minds so that once again we are ready to share it with anyone we meet.

-What has He called us into? This is the place we should be continually directing our thoughts to now. A good verse that will bring us back is 2 Timothy 2:4 It's just a really great reminder of how we should be living for Christ. *“No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who has enlisted him as a soldier.”* And what does it mean to not be entangled with the affairs of everyday life? It means that when we have finished with our daily duties (For those of us who aren't in a ministry full time and work for a living) our first thought should be, “How can we serve our King? What can we do to be a blessing to our neighbors and to rescue the lost all around us. It means that we are done living for self because we love to serve the King of Kings more than anything else in the world! (even more than our own lives as Jesus says)

Two more verses that just encourage us to press forward are Matthew 5:19 *“But whoever keeps and teaches them (God's laws) he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”* Luke 16:10 *“He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much”* So let us move forward as faithful soldiers of our dear Lord and Savior, leaving behind the things that so easily entangle us so that we might be found faithfully serving Him when He returns and receive the highest of praise, “Well done My good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Master!”

God bless you all!

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