

Follow Me
So much more than a prayer
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Thread: To Follow Jesus is SO much more than a prayer.

“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...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’).’ 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. 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. 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.’ 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.’ 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 1:35-37, 40-51 NLT

What do we learn from their calling?

Andrew
Jesus would bring about forgiveness of sin. (v 35)

Philip
“The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, ‘Come, follow me.’” (v 43)

To follow Jesus is a personal invitation.

Philip’s Invitation was for what?

“Jesus told him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.’” **John 14:6 NLT**

The invitation is to walk/follow Jesus in the daily ordinary things of life.

“The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus.” **Acts 4:13 NLT**

Ordinary men/women doing extraordinary things with their lives, because they do them as to the Lord.

Challenge:

- Have you made the decision to embrace relationship with Jesus and follow Him?
- If you made the decision once, are you making it still?
- Do ordinary things as to the Lord.

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