

FOUND PEOPLE... FIND PEOPLE
(2) Follow Me...

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Jesus' Call... FOLLOW ME!

How **Willing** and **Ready** are you to **FOLLOW JESUS** and **FISH FOR MEN?**

1 Peter 3:15...

*But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. **ALWAYS be ready to give an answer** to anyone who asks... to the **HOPE** that lies within you!*

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Verse 17...

REPENT... for the kingdom of heaven is near!

FOLLOWING always follows REPENTING!

Verse 19...

"Come... FOLLOW ME! I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN!"

FOLLOWING was NOT a QUESTION... it was an INSTRUCTION!

Verse 20...

'AT ONCE... they left their nets and followed him!'

To **FOLLOW**... meant to **FISH!**

To **FISH**... meant **FOR MEN!**

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"I'm gonna make YOU what you AREN'T!"

It's not enough just to FOLLOW... FOLLOWERS FISH!

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THREE BASIC QUESTIONS on FOLLOWING and FISHING...

1. What does it **MEAN** to **FOLLOW JESUS?**

"Follow me and I WILL MAKE YOU Fishers of Men!"

Jesus **WASN'T** talking about a **METHOD**...

He **WAS** talking about a **PROCESS!**

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2. How does **FISHING FOR MEN** relate to **FOLLOWING CHRIST?**

Luke 5:5...

*Simon answered... "Master... We've worked hard **ALL NIGHT** and haven't caught anything. But because you say so... I will let down the nets."*

John 8:12...

When Jesus spoke again to the people... he said "I am the **LIGHT** of the world. Whoever **follows me** will never walk in darkness... but will have the **LIGHT of life.**"

The **LIGHT** of every believer is the **PRESENCE** of **JESUS IN OUR LIVES!**

2 Corinthians 4:6-7...

For God who said... "**Let LIGHT shine out of darkness**" - made **HIS LIGHT SHINE IN OUR HEARTS...** to **GIVE US THE LIGHT** of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to **SHOW** that this all-surpassing power is **from God** and not **from us.**

We are not the **LIGHT...**

We merely **REFLECT** the **LIGHT!**

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3. What does it **REQUIRE** to **FOLLOW JESUS?**

~ A CALL ~

FOR EVERYONE... "THE CALL" does require the SAME RESPONSE!

TO FOLLOW... NOT TO FOLLOW?!

You have been... and will continue to be... PERFECTLY POSITIONED in Somebody(ies) life to be a FISHER FOR THEM!

You've **VERBALLY ACCEPTED JESUS...**

Buuuuut...

You've never **TRANSFORMATIONALLY FOLLOWED HIM!**

THE GOAL OF THE GOSPEL...

To **LIVE IT... NOT** just **AGREE** with **IT!**

FOLLOWERS eventually **FISH... If they're really FOLLOWING!**

Which also means...

*If you're not **FISHING... You may not actually be FOLLOWING!?***

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