

A MAN CALLED ANDREW

JOHN 1:35-40

Text:

Introduction:

We first meet a man called Andrew in a place called Bethabare beyond Jordon, where John the Baptist was baptizing. Andrew was disciple of John the Baptist which means he had repented of his sins, was baptized.

Twice, John the Baptist points out that Jesus as the Lamb of God. Andrew understood the second time and he along with other disciple began to follow after Jesus.

That is the beginning of a new life for Andrew. That is the beginning of a new life for anyone. To choose to follow after Jesus is a major decision with great consequences. A number of significant things are associated with this man called Andrew.

1. HE SOUGHT TO SPEND TIME WITH JESUS.

A. What seek ye? asked Jesus (vs 38)

{38} Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye?

1. This is a very significant question for us today.

B. Andrew's answer reflects his desire. (vs 38)

1. He wanted to spend time with Jesus.

They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?

C. Come and see said Jesus (vs 39)

1. Jesus wants to spend time with us.

2. Following Jesus is a great adventure. (come and see) (vs 39)

Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day:

2. HE SOUGHT TO BRING OTHERS TO JESUS (40-41)

(John 1:40-41 KJV) One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. {41} He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

A. Our immediate family is our first mission field.

B. He told his brother about the Messiah or Christ.

C. Later he brought others to Jesus. (John 12:20-22)

(John 12:20-22 KJV) And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: {21} The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. {22} Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.

D. This action of Andrew continues to be a model for all who bring others to Christ.

E. May God put into our hearts the same desire that Andrew had when after finding Jesus. He wanted others to come to Him also.

3. HE YIELDED TO A CALL TO BECOME A FULL TIME DISCIPLE (MATTHEW 4:18-20)

(Mat 4:18-20 KJV) And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they

were fishers. {19} And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. {20} And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

Note: God is still calling people to full time service. Leave your nets and follow me.

4. HE DISPLAYED PRACTICAL FAITH (JOHN 6:8-9)

(John 6:8-9 KJV) One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, {9} There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

5. HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE COMING JUDGMENT (MARK 13:3)

Note: We need to be concerned with the final day of judgment. Let us not be indifferent to these things that are coming to pass upon earth. God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world.

6. HE WAS FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH

A. He was a disciple after the ascension.
(Acts 1:13-14)

(Acts 1:13-14 KJV) And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. {14} These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Close:

It all began with a young man who wanted to know more about Jesus and began to follow him.

From Andrew we learn so very much.

1. The importance of following Jesus
2. The passion to bring others to Christ.
3. The surrendered will to God's call to full time service.
4. The power of faith (feeding 5000)
5. The genuine concern about the final judgement
6. The joy of finishing our course victoriously for Christ.

I wonder how you and I measure up with Andrew. Andrew was not the most prominent disciple, but he certainly was a great disciple. Let us seek to be more like Andrew, who was like the One he followed, in our walk with Christ.