

# Disciple & Serve Others

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Matthew 4:19 recalls how Jesus chose his first disciples. While walking on the beach, he saw two fishermen, Peter and his brother Andrew, and he said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Jesus commanded them to follow, and he promised to make them fishers of men.

Peter and Andrew responded appropriately. Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

They left what they were doing. They could not keep working with their nets and follow him as he walked away.

Is anything keeping you from following him? In Matthew 8, two guys said they would follow him. Jesus tested their commitment. To one he said, I don't even have a pillow at night. Are you sure you want to follow me? It will not be easy.

The other one wanted to have a funeral for his father first, but Jesus said, No, I've got to be your first priority.

In fact, he said in Luke 14:26, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."

Are you a follower of Christ? Are you willing to walk away from your family and every part of your life to follow him? He's not commanding us to fish for men, he's commanding us to follow him. He'll do the other.

