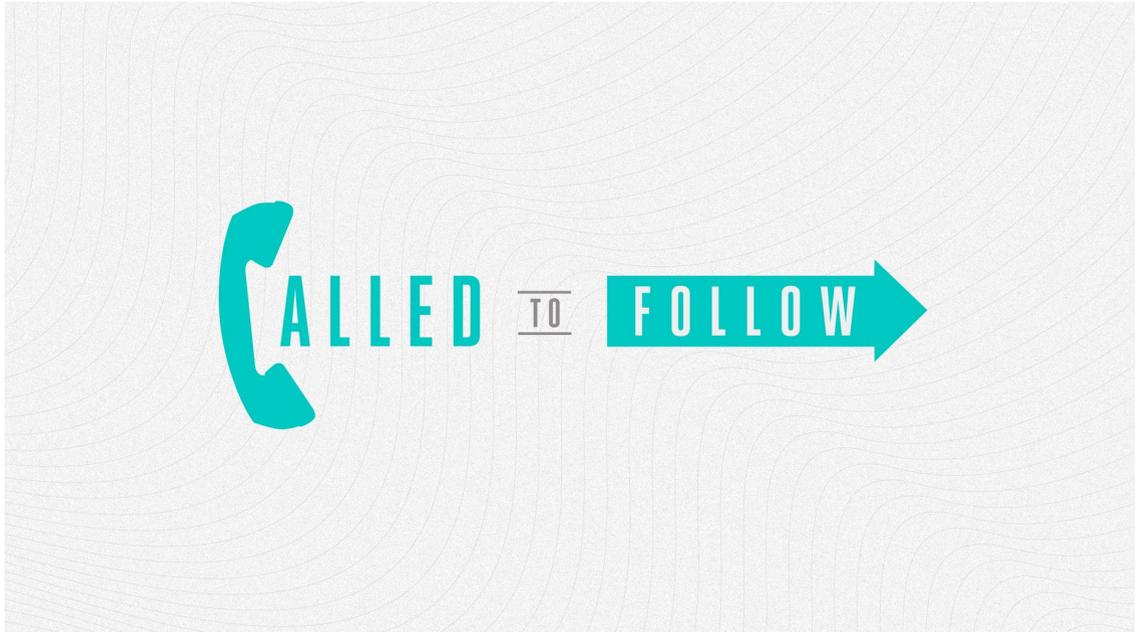


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**5-Day Devotional  
based on Sunday's message:**



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*John 1:35-51*

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## John 1:35-51

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. Jesus looked around and saw them following. “What do you want?” he asked them. They replied, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?” “Come and see,” he said. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day. 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”m). 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.”

# Day 1: The Question That Changes Everything

## Devotional

Have you ever had someone ask you a question that stopped you in your tracks? When Jesus turned to the two disciples following Him and asked, "What do you want?" He wasn't just making small talk. He was inviting them to examine their hearts and consider what they were truly seeking. This question cuts to the core of our spiritual journey. Many of us follow Jesus for various reasons like comfort, community, tradition, or even habit. However, Jesus wants to know what we really looking for. Are you seeking a life coach, a problem-solver, or are you genuinely hungry for transformation? The beautiful thing about this encounter is that these disciples didn't have all the answers figured out. They simply recognized something special in Jesus and chose to follow. Sometimes we think we need to have our theology perfect or our lives completely together before we can truly follow Christ. However, discipleship often begins exactly where these men started, with recognition and trust, not complete understanding. Jesus is asking you the same question today, "What do you want?" He's not looking for the perfect answer. He's looking for an honest heart that's willing to explore what it means to walk with Him. Your journey of faith doesn't require you to have everything figured out from the start. It simply requires you to recognize who Jesus is and trust Him enough to take the next step.

## Bible Verse

"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!" - John 1:35-36

## Reflection Question

If Jesus asked you today, "What do you want?" what would your honest answer be? How might that reveal what you're truly seeking in your relationship with Him?

## Quote

Before there's understanding, there needs to be recognition. Before the disciples know what the Lamb is going to do, they know who he is.

## Prayer

Jesus, thank You for asking the hard questions that help me examine my heart. Help me to be honest about what I'm truly seeking and to trust You even when I don't have all the answers. Give me the courage to follow You with recognition and trust, knowing that understanding will come as I walk with You. Amen.

# Day 2: Come and See

## Devotional

"Come and see." These three simple words from Jesus contain one of the most beautiful invitations ever extended. When the disciples asked where He was staying, Jesus didn't give them an address or directions. He gave them an invitation to experience His presence for themselves. This is how faith grows, not through arguments or perfect explanations, but through proximity to Jesus. The disciples spent the rest of that day with Him, and their lives were forever changed. They didn't need a seminary degree or years of Bible study to begin following. They just needed to accept the invitation to be near Him. In our information-saturated world, we often think discipleship is just about accumulating knowledge about Jesus. However, true discipleship includes being with Jesus. It's about spending time in His presence, allowing Him to shape us through relationship rather than simply study. The invitation "come and see" is still open to you today. Jesus isn't asking you to figure everything out before you draw near. He's simply inviting you to come close enough to experience Him for yourself. Whether you're new to faith or have been walking with Jesus for years, there's always more to discover when you accept His invitation to draw near. Faith grows through proximity. The closer you get to Jesus, the more clearly you'll see who He really is and who He's calling you to become.

## Bible Verse

"Come and see," he said. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day." - John 1:39

## Reflection Question

What would it look like for you to practically accept Jesus' invitation to "come and see" in your daily life this week?

## Quote

Discipleship is not only learning about Jesus, it is being with Jesus and remaining long enough to be changed to be more like Jesus.

## Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your open invitation to come and see. Help me to prioritize time in Your presence over just learning about You. Draw me close and change me through our relationship. Show me what it means to truly be with You each day. Amen.

# Day 3: Less of Me, More of Jesus

## Devotional

When Andrew encountered Jesus, something remarkable happened. He couldn't keep it to himself. He immediately went to find his brother Simon and declared, "We have found the Messiah!" This wasn't a calculated evangelism strategy, but the natural overflow of a heart that had been touched by Jesus. This is what happens when we truly encounter Christ. We become less focused on ourselves and more focused on Him and others. Discipleship begins with a fundamental shift of allegiance, less of me, more of Jesus. It's not about adding Jesus to our existing plans and asking Him to bless what we're already doing. Instead, Jesus invites us into His life and His plans. Andrew's response shows us something beautiful about authentic faith. When we genuinely experience Jesus, sharing Him with others becomes as natural as breathing. We don't have to force it or feel guilty about not doing enough evangelism. When our hearts are truly captured by who Jesus is, telling others about Him flows naturally from our transformed lives. This shift from self-focus to Jesus-focus doesn't happen overnight. It's a daily choice to surrender our agenda to His, to seek His kingdom first rather than our own comfort and plans. However, as we make this shift, we discover that His plans for us are far better than anything we could have imagined for ourselves.

## Bible Verse

"He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less." - John 3:30

## Reflection Question

In what areas of your life do you find yourself asking Jesus to bless your plans rather than surrendering to His plans for you?

## Quote

Discipleship with Jesus begins with a shift of allegiance. Less of me, more of Jesus.

## Prayer

Father, help me to embrace the shift from 'more of me' to 'more of Jesus.' Give me the courage to surrender my plans and agenda to You. Make my heart so full of Your love that sharing You with others becomes a natural overflow of our relationship. Amen.

# Day 4: Becoming Who God Says You Are

## Devotional

When Jesus first met Simon, He did something extraordinary, Jesus gave him a new name. "You will be called Cephas" (which means Peter or rock). This wasn't based on Simon's current character or track record. Anyone who knows Peter's story realizes he was anything but rock-like in those early days. Jesus named him based on who He was going to shape Peter to become. This reveals something profound about how God sees us. He doesn't define us by our past failures, current struggles, or present limitations. He sees us through the lens of His transforming power and calls us by who we're becoming in Him. This is the heart of sanctification, not self-improvement through willpower, but submission to the One who is actively shaping us. Peter would stumble many times on his journey. He would deny Jesus, act impulsively, and struggle with doubt. However, Jesus saw beyond all of that to the rock-solid leader Peter would become. The same is true for you. God has a vision for who you're becoming that's far greater than who you've been. Sanctification isn't about trying harder to be better. It's about surrendering to Jesus and allowing Him to do the transforming work in your heart. He's not waiting for you to get your act together before He can use you. He's already at work, shaping you into the person He created you to be.

## Bible Verse

"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." - Philippians 1:6

## Reflection Question

What "new name" or identity do you sense God is calling you into? How can you surrender more fully to His shaping work in your life?

## Quote

Sanctification is not self improvement. It's submission to the one who is shaping us.

## Prayer

Lord, thank You for seeing me not as I am, but as who I'm becoming in You. Help me to surrender to Your shaping work rather than trying to improve myself through my own efforts. Give me faith to believe in the person You're forming me to be. Amen.

## Day 5: The Pattern of Grace

### Devotional

Throughout John chapter 1, we see a beautiful pattern emerge, someone points another person to Jesus, that person follows and spends time with Him, then naturally brings others along. John points to Jesus, Andrew follows and brings Simon, Jesus calls Philip, and Philip brings Nathanael. It's a chain reaction of grace and invitation. This pattern reveals something crucial about how God works in our world. Discipleship doesn't begin with us finding Jesus. It begins with Jesus knowing us and inviting us to respond. We love to say "I found Jesus," but the truth is, He found us first. He's been pursuing us, calling us, and drawing us to Himself long before we ever thought to look for Him. Notice how Philip responds to Nathanael's skepticism. He doesn't argue or try to convince him with clever words. He simply says, "Come and see." This is the heart of authentic witness, not winning arguments, but extending invitations. We don't have to have all the answers or be perfect examples. We just need to invite others to experience Jesus for themselves. Where are you in this pattern right now? Are you in a season of being pointed toward Jesus? Are you spending time with Him and being transformed? Or is He calling you to point someone else in His direction? The beautiful thing is that this pattern continues throughout our entire journey of faith. We're always both receiving and giving, being shaped and helping to shape others.

### Bible Verse

"You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name." - John 15:16

### Reflection Question

Where are you in the pattern of pointing others to Jesus, following Him yourself, and bringing others along? What is your next step in this beautiful cycle of grace?

### Quote

You see, discipleship does not begin with us finding Jesus. I love hearing people saying, oh, I found Jesus in my life. Hold on a second. Wait a minute. You didn't find Jesus? Discipleship begins with Jesus knowing us and inviting us to respond.

### Prayer

Jesus, thank You for choosing me before I ever chose You. Help me to see the ways You've been pursuing me and drawing me to Yourself. Give me courage to extend Your invitation to others, not through arguments but through authentic witness and invitation. Use me as part of Your beautiful pattern of grace. Amen.