

**Ready for the Journey/ Matthew 4:18–22**  
**Wednesday, Aug 19, 2026**

**Prayer Prompt:**

Spend some time offering up yourself to the Lord. Pray that Jesus would help you follow Him wherever he leads, that you might become more like him as you walk with him, and that you would help someone else follow him too. Pray for your “one.”

**Understanding the Text**

Matthew 4:18–22

Jesus calls ordinary people to leave their old priorities behind, learn to follow Him, and join Him in reaching others.

**1. JESUS CALLS ORDINARY PEOPLE**

Peter, Andrew, James, and John were not religious celebrities. They were ordinary fishermen doing ordinary work. Jesus did not wait for them to become extraordinary before He called them. He called them where they were and invited them to follow Him.

What does this teach me about Jesus’ call?

**2. JESUS CHANGES OUR PRIORITIES**

Following Jesus meant that something had to change. Their nets represented their livelihood, security, plans, and familiar way of life. Jesus does not simply add Himself to our existing priorities. Following Jesus means Jesus becomes our priority. What might Jesus be asking me to lay down?

**3. JESUS TEACHES US TO FOLLOW**

“Follow Me” means more than believing in Jesus. It means walking with Jesus, learning from Jesus, becoming like Jesus, and going where Jesus leads. A disciple is not merely someone who knows about Jesus. A disciple is someone who is learning to live like Jesus.

Where do I need to follow Jesus more closely?

**4. JESUS MAKES US FISHERS OF MEN**

The goal of discipleship is not simply that we become better followers. Jesus makes followers who help others follow Him. Who is someone Jesus may be calling me to reach?