

## John 1:40-42 (NIV)

**40** Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. **41** The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). **42** And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

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Mark 1:16-20 (NIV) 16 As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

17 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

18 At once they left their nets and followed him.

19 When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets.

20 Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Peter was an

"Ordinary Man"

who experienced

"Extra-ordinary

Success!!"

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We <u>"identify"</u> with people who are <u>"imperfect!"</u>

John 1:41,

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how God uses simple invitations from ordinary people to transform lives?

We can make a dramatic difference in someone's future, maybe their eternity, by just inviting them to participate in a Christian activity.

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John 1:42,

"Jesus looked at him and said,
'You are **Simon** son of John.
But you will **now** be called **Cephas,** which when **translated**, is **Peter**."

How Jesus Challenges Peter:

1. By focusing on his positive

potential.

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Jesus named him not for what he was but for what, by God's grace, he could become!

1 Thessalonians 5:14b,
"Encourage the timid, help
the weak, be patient
with everyone."

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"Flatter me and I'll not believe you. Criticize me and I will not listen to you. But, encourage me and I'll never forget you."

Hebrews 3:13, "But Encourage one another daily, as long as it is called today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness."

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## **How Jesus Challenges Peter:**

- 1. By focusing on his positive potential.
- 2. By demonstrating his transforming power.

Luke 5:5,

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"'Sir', Simon replied, 'we worked hard all last night and we didn't catch a thing! But if you say so, we'll try again!"

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Luke 5:6-9,

"When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break! So they signaled their partners and brought in another boat! And they filled up two boats and

the two boats nearly sank! When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' feet and said, 'go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!' For He and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken"!

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1 Corinthians 6:9-10, "Do you not know that the wicked will <u>not</u> inherit The Kingdom Of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor <u>homosexual offenders</u> nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit The Kingdom Of God."

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1 Corinthians 6:11,

"That is what some of you were.
But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of The Lord Jesus Christ and by The Spirit of our God!"

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We were <u>formed</u> by God; we're <u>deformed</u> by sin, but we're <u>transformed</u> by the power of Jesus Christ! John 1:12,
"As many as received Him,
to them gave He the power
to become The Sons Of God!"

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**Challenges Jesus gives Peter:** 

- 1. By focusing on his positive potential.
- 2. By demonstrating his transforming power.
- 3. By challenging him to a higher purpose.

Luke 5:10b,
"Then Jesus said to Simon,
'don't be afraid; from now
on you are going to catch
men!"

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"My goal in life is to go to heaven when I die, and take as many people as I can with me!"

Tony Campollo, Pastor & Christian Author

Luke 5:11,

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"So they **pulled** their **boats** up **on shore**, left **everything** and **followed him**."

Luke 18:18,

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"Jesus met a rich young ruler who asked Him, 'What must I do to inherit eternal life?'"

Luke 18:22, "You need to sell everything that you have and give it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven! Then come, follow me."

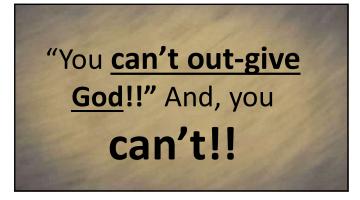
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Matthew 19:27, "Simon Peter answered Him, 'Lord, we have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?"

Matthew 19:29,

"And, Jesus promised, 'Everyone who has left houses or family or fields, for my sake, will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life."

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Jesus said, "If you leave
everything for me I'll restore
it a hundred fold, because
when you give it's given to
you!"

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If we could reduce being a Christian to a "two word phrase" it would be this: "Follow Me!"