

**New Sermon Series:
"God Uses Ordinary People"**

**PETER'S
DRAMATIC
CALL**

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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.

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Peter was an
"Ordinary Man"
who experienced
**"Extra-ordinary
Success!!"**

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We **"identify"**
with people who
are **"imperfect!"**

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John 1:41,

"The **first thing** Andrew **did** was to **find** his brother **Simon** and tell him, 'We have **found** The Messiah (that is, **The Christ**). And he **brought him to Jesus.**"

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Have you ever **noticed** how **God** uses **simple invitations** from **ordinary people** to **transform lives**?

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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**.'"

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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!

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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.”

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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**.

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Luke 5:5,
“‘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

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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 **not** inherit The Kingdom Of God? Do **not** be **deceived**: Neither the **sexually immoral** nor **idolaters** nor **adulterers** nor **male prostitutes** nor **homosexual offenders** 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 **formed** by **God**;
we're **deformed** by **sin**, but
we're **transformed** by the
power of **Jesus Christ!**

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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**.

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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

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Luke 5:11,
“So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.”

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Luke 18:18,
“Jesus met a rich young ruler who asked Him, ‘What must I do to inherit eternal life?’”

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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?’”

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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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“You can't out-give
God!!” And, you
can't!!

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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!**”

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