

Who, Me? Yes, You!
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Texts:

Matthew 4:18-22

18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” 20 At once they left their nets and followed him.

21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

John 1:43-50

43 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”

44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. 45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

46 “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked.

“Come and see,” said Philip.

47 When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false.”

48 “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

49 Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel.”

50 Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that.” 51 He then added, “I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

Introduction: How When somebody sees something in you that you don't see in yourself. Coach Terry saying, “You have the body of an athlete.” Who me?

It was a total challenge to my self-perception. And it was the beginning of me becoming a student of Coach Terry when it comes to health and fitness.

The Pattern of Jesus' Invitation:

Jesus sees. Jesus calls. Jesus shows.

1. **Jesus sees.** He meets Andrew and Peter, two young men working in the fishing industry on their dad's boat. Nothing about them – their intellect, their background, their aspirations – would lead someone to believe they would be good students. would be willing to drop everything to become students of an up-and-coming Rabbi. It's amazing how Matthew says so little, that it invites us to imagine... What did Jesus see in them? Why did they say yes, even though it caused so much disruption in their family?

Then there's Nathaniel, whom Jesus perceives. Today we might say Jesus had a vision of Nathaniel, or a word of knowledge from the Father about this person.

In both instances, we can imagine the men Jesus talking to saying, "Who me?" Yes, you!

Application for this week: Pay people compliments as a way of seeing them the way Jesus sees them.

2. **Jesus calls.** We don't use the word "call" very much, but it is a very important word. "Vocation" means calling. We use the word "occupation" to explain what we do to make a living. While not everyone may feel that their occupation is also their calling, everyone has a Calling – the thing they were always meant to do and to be.

When Jesus calls you, it is always for the purpose of drawing you into a life in which you become more and more who God always intended you to be.

When we accept Jesus' call to the great commission, all we are doing is inviting others to become more of who they were always meant to be.

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3. **Jesus shows.** Matthew says Andrew and Peter left their life behind and started following. From that moment Jesus started to show them a different way to live. In John's story, Jesus promises Nathaniel that he will see "greater things." It's as if we get to go along with Philip and Nathaniel through the rest of the story. Come along for the ride, John seems to be saying. If you come along, you will see great things too!

When we accept Jesus to make disciples, we are a lot like Philip. We are just introducing people to Jesus. That can feel like a big faith step for us because we are trusting that Jesus will see our friend, and call our friend, and show things to our friend, the same way Jesus

saw, and called, and showed us.

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Coach Terry again: My friend Dave asked me to lead him through the stretching exercises we did in class together. I had done it so many times that I could easily show him. Coach Terry had modeled it to me so well and so consistently, I could teach others.

Church, at its best, is like a gym. It's where we practice this different way of living so we can live well in the rest of life.

The invitation to the Table is an Invitation to Discipleship. We are going to be inviting people to do as we do, live as we live, to take and eat. To practice this life with us.

Questions for Later

Do you remember when you made a conscious choice to follow Jesus? What were you like? Did someone see something in you that led them to introduce you to Jesus the way Philip introduced Nathaniel?

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