Adonai, Yahweh, Jehovah, The One True God, The God of Israel, The Lord of Hosts, The King of Israel, The One and Only True God, The Righteous Word of Tr H The Life and Times of Jesus Christ The Only Real, Living and Breathing God, He Who Is, He Who Was, and He Who Will Be Forever, Abba Father, Our Creator, Our God, Our Soul's Beloved, God

# Part 6 Jesus Begins Calling His Disciples

### Matthew

## Mark

Luke

John

## **Matthew 4:18-22**

## Mark 1:16-20

## Luke 5:1-11

#### Luke 5:1 - NLT

One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God.

He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets.

Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish."

"Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again."

# And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear!

## A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.

When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man."

For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him.

His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed.

Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!"

#### 

And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.

## Mark 1:19 A little farther up the shore Jesus saw Zebedee's sons, James and John, in a boat repairing their nets.

#### Mark 1:20

He called them at once, and they also followed him, leaving their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired men.

# Part 6 Jesus Begins Calling His Disciples

# Principle #1

Our encounters with God are never coincidental. They are always the result of God's desire to meet us where we are, again and again.

One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God.

He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets.

Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.

# Principle #1

Our encounters with God are never coincidental. They are always the result of God's desire to meet us where we are, again and again.

# Principle #2

Unforeseen tribulations and sudden major upheavals in your life are oftentimes necessary precursors to God's supernatural activity in your life.

He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets.

Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish."



Unforeseen tribulations and sudden major upheavals in your life are oftentimes necessary precursors to God's supernatural activity in your life.



Despite our own knowledge, wisdom, experience, feelings, and willpower; we must come to learn, understand, and surrender to the fact that God always knows best in all things.

"Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again."

# And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear!

## A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.

#### God's ways and thoughts are so different from ours that they often appear wrong, backwards, or impossible.

But God does this on purpose in order to stretch us and our faith.



**Despite our own knowledge, wisdom,** experience, feelings, and willpower; we must come to learn, understand, and surrender to the fact that God always knows best in all things.



New converts and freshly created disciples of Jesus Christ tend to be the type of people God can use immediately in the service of His Kingdom.

# Principle #5

**Confessing our sinfulness, admitting** our unworthiness before God, and recognizing the Lordship of Jesus are the three best prerequisites for service in the Kingdom of God.

### Luke 5:8

When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man."

#### Luke 5:5

"Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again."

# Principle #5

**Confessing our sinfulness, admitting** our unworthiness before God, and recognizing the Lordship of Jesus are the three best prerequisites for service in the Kingdom of God.



**Believers begin the journey of** becoming disciples when they respond positively in obedience to Jesus' call to follow him, despite the ultra-high cost, because their priorities have been transformed.

#### Luke 5:10

His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed.

Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!"

#### 

And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.

## Mark 1:19 A little farther up the shore Jesus saw Zebedee's sons, James and John, in a boat repairing their nets.

#### Mark 1:20

He called them at once, and they also followed him, leaving their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired men.



**Believers begin the journey of** becoming disciples when they respond positively in obedience to Jesus' call to follow him, despite the ultra-high cost, because their priorities have been transformed.

# Principle #7

### **Everyone God invites to know Him and** everyone God invites to follow Him has a unique value to God and His **Kingdom that only** He can understand and unleash.

## What God Saw in Peter

- Hard Worker
- Used to working as a part of a team
- Doesn't mind getting his hands dirty
- Entrepreneurial Spirit
- Will not quit when faced with difficulties, challenges, or failures



### **Everyone God invites to know Him and** everyone God invites to follow Him has a unique value to God and His Kingdom that only He can understand and unleash.

# Part 6 Jesus Begins Calling His Disciples

Adonai, Yahweh, Jehovah, The One True God, The God of Israel, The Lord of Hosts, The King of Israel, The One and Only True God, The Righteous Word of Tr H The Life and Times of Jesus Christ The Only Real, Living and Breathing God, He Who Is, He Who Was, and He Who Will Be Forever, Abba Father, Our Creator, Our God, Our Soul's Beloved, God