

Good News From Chardon

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Issue 2

They Were “Only” Fishermen!

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Why does it seem like being a disciple of Jesus is so challenging? Why does it seem like such a difficult undertaking? I think there are several reasons behind this. Sometimes I think it could be a lack of commitment. Sometimes I think it is because we are an unwillingness to give ourselves completely to Jesus. Sometimes I think we don't truly understand what it means to be disciples. Sometimes I think that we just don't make time for Jesus and following him.

Each of these could be legitimate or they could be a combination of each. Each person is a complicated array of experiences and mistakes; misunderstanding and rebellion, sinner and saint. To just assign a person to any one category is short-sighted at best.

The problem that plagues us the most is not any of these (although they can be true and often plague us). I think the problem we face most often is that we don't think we can be good disciples.

We have allowed Satan to convince us that we are sinners, not saints. Or that we cannot be a disciple because we are simply not good enough. This causes us to look at the people of God, read the stories, examine their lives, and teachings only to conclude that we will never be like them.

Satan says,

You're a sinner because you sin daily!

- Your identity is connected to what you've done (sin=condemned and rejected).
- Your identity comes from what others think about you (just like everyone else).
- Your behavior dictates what you should believe about yourself (discouraged and defeated).
- Christian, don't ever accept these lies from Satan. Instead, chose to listen to what God says about you. He will not lie to you nor try to lead you astray. You are His beloved child. Believe it!

God says,

You're a saint (Eph. 1:1) declared righteous in Jesus (Rom. 4:1-5).

- Your identity is connected to what God has done (John 3:15; Rom. 5:8).
- Your identity comes from what God thinks about you (Eph. 2:4-10; Gal. 3:25-29).
- Your belief about yourself determines your behavior (Rom. 8:1-2, 28, 31-39).

Just like the first disciples of Jesus (Matt. 4:18-22), who were simple fishermen, Jesus can make you into something you never dreamed possible if you are willing to allow Him to have his way. Give yourself completely to Him and by faith, let Him lead.

Matthew 4:19 "... Follow me, and I will make you..." (ESV)

Jeff Arnette preaches for the Central Haywood church of Christ, Clyde, NC

Schedule of Services:

Greeting: Mark

Song Leader: Mark

Opening Hymn:

3—Upon the First Day of the Week

Opening Prayer:

Dale

Hymn:

279—Tell Me the Old, Old Story

Scripture Reading:

Larry

Matthew 4:12-20

Hymn:

315—The Blood that Stained the Old Rugged Cross

Lord's Supper:

Ray & Ron

Hymn:

545—O Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Sermon: Mark

Invitation Hymn:

593—Free Waters

Closing Hymn:

271—Wonderful Love of Jesus

Closing Prayer: Robert

PRAYER LIST

- *Pat is still in the hospital.
- *Gary and Cindy are out of town.
- *Juanita and her family.
- *Dale's friend Zarna's father has health issues and pray for Zarna as well while she reads the Bible. Pray that she is receptive to the gospel.
- *Larry is having back pain.
- *Dale, his friend Jimmy, his mother and his cousin Jayna and her family.
- *Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.
- *Our congregation
- *Our Veterans
- *Our Nation

CALENDAR

- Jan. 13—Bible Study 10 am
Tom
- Jan. 13—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker: Mark
- Jan. 13—Potluck
- Jan. 13—b. Cindy
- Jan. 15—a. Tom and Nina
- Jan. 20—Bible Study 10 am
Tom
- Jan. 20—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker: Mark
- Jan. 21—b. Madelyn
- Jan. 21—b. Robert
- Jan. 27—Bible Study 10 am
Tom
- Jan. 27—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker: Mark
- Jan. 31—Logan

Jesus Begins His Galilean Ministry

Matthew 4:12-20

ANDREW	BEGAN	BEYOND	BROTHER
CALLED	CAPERNAUM	CASTING	DARKNESS
DAWNED	DEATH	DEPARTED	DWELT
FISHERMEN	FOLLOWED	FULFILLED	GALILEE
GENTILES	GREAT	HEARD	HEAVEN
IMMEDIATELY	ISAIAH	JESUS	JORDAN
KINGDOM	LEAVING	LIGHT	MIGHT
NAPHTALI	NAZARETH	PEOPLE	PETER
PREACH	PRISON	PROPHET	REGION
REPENT	SAYING	SHADOW	SIMON
SPOKEN	THEIR	THOSE	WALKING
ZEBULUN			

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Hidden Message:

Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

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If we knew what a bountiful harvest can spring from seeds of kindness, we would plant them more often.

SUNDAY: Bible Class — 10:00 am; Worship — 11:00 am; Evening — 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening — Postponed until Spring
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