

COME AND SEE

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³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as He walked by and said, behold the lamb of God. ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, What are you seeking? And they said to Him, Rabbi (Which means teacher) Where are you staying? ³⁹He said to them Come and you will see. So they came and saw where He was staying, and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, we have found the Messiah (Which means Christ) ⁴²He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, you are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas (which means Peter). ⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Phillip and said to him follow me. ⁴⁴Now Phillip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Phillip found Nathanael and said to Him, we have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, can anything good come out of Nazareth? Phillip said to him come and see.

⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit. ⁴⁸Nathanael said to him how do you know me? Jesus answered him before Phillip called you, when you were under the fig tree I saw you. ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, Rabbi you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel! ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You will see greater things than these. ⁵¹And he said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angles of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.

PHILIPPIANS CHAPTER 2

VERSES 1-11 ESV

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy. ²Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus. ⁶Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God, a thing to be grasped, ⁷but empties Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

Our Calling to Reach the Lost

Can only be accomplished through **Jesus** who **strengthens** us. He is our perfect example on how to reach **people**. He is our perfect example of how to teach them what the bible says about **righteousness** and living **a fruitful** life abiding in **Jesus**. Using Jesus as our example, being humble when we are talking with people is very important in gaining their trust. I think the quickest way to end a conversation about becoming a Christian is to appear **prideful** and **conceited**. A person visiting a church for the first time should have a **welcoming** experience not an awkward **unwelcoming** experience.

The Next Step

The next step we need to take in our calling to reach the lost is to **empty** ourselves, **commit** ourselves to the will of God in our lives just as Jesus did. Jesus had every right to stay comfortably where He was. He was in a position of power. His love for us drove Him to a position of human weakness for the sake of **sinful** mankind. He was rich but He became poor so that through His poverty and humility we might become rich with His salvation saving ourselves and the people we reach from the horrible **consequences** of our sin nature.

LUKE CHAPTER 12

VERSES 41-48 ESV

⁴¹Peter said, Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all? ⁴²And the Lord said, **who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? ⁴³Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. ⁴⁴Truly I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions.**

⁴⁵**But if that servant says to himself, my master is delayed in coming, and begins to beat the male and female servants and to eat and drink and get drunk, ⁴⁶the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him to pieces and put him with the unfaithful.**

⁴⁷And that servant who knew his masters' will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. ⁴⁸But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given of him much will be required and from him to whom they entrusted much; they will demand the more.

Responsibility

We are held responsible for what we have **been** given, and what we do with it. When we are blessed with **talents**, **wealth**, **knowledge**, and **time**. It is expected that we will use these to glorify God and to benefit others. Jesus had already told them about being **ready** for His return. Peter asked if this parable was for the disciples or for everyone. He didn't answer Peter's question directly, He told them the parable of the faithful and wise manager which we have just read.

Faithfully

We need to be people who **faithfully** care for others. So, when Christ does return for His church, He will find **faithful** believers who have endured the world and have remained **steadfast** in fervent prayer and are **loyal** servants.