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Passage: John 1:35-51

John 1:35-51 (CSB)

³⁵The next day, John was standing with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

³⁷The two disciples heard him say this and followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and noticed them following him, he asked them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

³⁹"Come and you'll see," he replied. So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed him. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated "the Christ"), ⁴²and he brought Simon to Jesus.

When Jesus saw him, he said, "You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which is translated "Peter").

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. He found Philip and told him, "Follow me."

⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the law (and so did the prophets): Jesus the son of Joseph, from Nazareth."

⁴⁶"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathanael asked him.

"Come and see," Philip answered.

⁴⁷Then Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

⁴⁸"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

"Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you," Jesus answered.

⁴⁹"Rabbi," Nathanael replied, "You are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel!"

⁵⁰Jesus responded to him, "Do you believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." ⁵¹Then he said, "Truly I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

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When was the last time you invited someone to meet Jesus?

A) Witnessing or sharing about Jesus followed natural lines of relationship in people's lives.

"People don't care what you know until they know that you care."

B) Witnessing isn't about winning an argument, it's about helping people meet a person: Jesus.

2. Jesus invites people into an ongoing relationship and conversation with Him.

A) We need to be willing to come to Jesus with a desire to learn and to engage Jesus at a deep level, not just on the surface.

B) Following Jesus is about a long-term commitment to walk through life with Him and allow Him to reveal more of Himself to us as He also transforms us to be more like Him.

Are you willing to go deeper in your relationship with Jesus? No matter where you are now, either highly committed or just starting your journey of discovering Him, will you take the next step in that journey of going deeper with Him?