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- **This Great Adventure! Matthew 10.7-10**
- **Building and being nets of safety for the world Mt 4.19 and one another!**
Romans 12.4,5 1Corinthians 12.12-27
Hebrews 3.13, 10.23-25
- **As disciples, holding onto the Living and written words of God; to present the gospel as it was once delivered to the saints! Jude 1.3**

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- Our success as a *disciple* is determined by our level of *discipleship*!
 - And the level that we will strive for is definitively set by our *devotion* to Jesus!
 - Devotion: passionate love and fervent, even fiery, dedication to God and His ways!
- Discipleship that runs on love, not law, not performance, not necessity... *will run for a lifetime!*

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- “If you love Me (ongoingly) you will (future active) keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever... the Spirit of truth... who will be in you!” **John 14.15-17** **Lexicon**

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- “If a man loves Me (ongoingly), he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loves Me not keeps not My sayings: and the word which you hear is not mine, but the Father’s which sent me.” **John 14.23,24** **Lexicon**

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- “For this is the love of God, that we keep (ongoingly) His commandments: and His commandments are not burdensome.” **1John 5.3 Lexicon**
 - “The Christian, whose will is united with the will of God, will not find obedience to that will a task.”
 - *It's only hard (or becomes hard) if there is no love-power to do it!*



**Of all the approaches to
discipleship, *devotion* will
keep us on track and
moving full speed ahead!**

Devotion Discipleship



- “From that time (after baptism) Jesus began to preach and to say, ‘repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ And walking by the Sea of Galilee He saw two brothers, Simon (Peter) and Andrew, casting their net into the sea, for they were fishermen, and said, “Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.’ *And immediately they left their nets and followed Him.*” **Mt 4.17-20**

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- “Going on from there He saw two brothers, James and John, in a ship mending their nets and He called them, *and they immediately left the ship and their father and followed Him.*”

Matthew 4.21,22

- “And Jesus said to Simon, ‘Fear not, from now on you will catch men... *and they forsook all and followed Him!*’”

Luke 5.10,11

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- **Let me ease your tension!**
 - They didn't tear up the nets and burn the boats!
 - Boats were still there in **John 21.3ff**
 - Business and employees all still at work!
 - Going 'all-in' doesn't mean we burn down the past and deny the people we love!
 - We don't abandon our families...
 - Told to love, nurture, care for them!

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 - Work honorably as unto the Lord!

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 - We don't burn our bridges...
 - They are access to the people of our past!

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- John and Andrew were the first to follow Jesus *on the testimony of John the Baptist!* **John 1.35-37**
 - Andrew grabs Simon, John gets James, Philip gets Nathaniel! “We found Him!”
- Jesus is preaching/teaching... demons fleeing... miracles are happening...
- Now believe Him for the word and works sake! **John 10.37,39 14.11**

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- They could see He was the One!
 - And tough words and tough times no longer mattered!
 - “To whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life! We believe and are sure that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!” **John 6.67,68**
- They knew He was the One and only way to the Father! **John 10.9 14.6**



**And they knew there
was a cost for following
Him and that it was
well worth it!**

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- ...means we put Jesus in His proper place and 'things' in their right order!
 - We put Him out front and above all else...
 - Under Him, we become the best version of partner, leader, worker, minister!
 - Society no longer our master... **1Pet4.1ff**
 - We answer to/stand by Him! **Rom14.4**
 - Money no longer our master... **Mt6.24**
 - Higher purpose than buying more boats and filling bigger nets! **Luke 12/16**

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- **And Jesus confirmed it!**
 - **“Do not fear them which can kill the body but are not able to kill the soul... Whoever confesses Me before men I will confess before My Father, but whoever denies Me before men I will deny before My Father... Whoever loves father, mother, son or daughter, more than Me is not worthy of Me and he that won’t take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.”** **Matt 10:26-28, 32,33 abridged, cp. Luke 14.26-33**

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- **And Jesus confirmed it!**
 - “For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has *enough* to finish *it*—lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see *it* begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and

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- **And Jesus confirmed it!**
 - consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.” **Luke 14.28-33**

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- It's an interesting note that Jesus asked His disciples, "What do you want?"
 - *"To see where you live!"* **John 1.38**
 - Is that what you want, Heaven?
 - Accept Jesus and you will see it! ***FREE!***
 - *"This is what we preach; if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved... for with the heart man believes unto*

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- It's an interesting note that Jesus asked His disciples, "What do you want?"
 - But if you want anything else; Good mate, abundant life, security, riches in eternity...
 - To know Him, and, the power of His life...
 - To speak words of truth, spirit and life...
 - To fulfill God's will and finish His work...
 - It comes with the cost of discipleship...
 - *And you will only go as far as your devotion to Him takes you!*



“Devotion Discipleship!”