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- **This Great Adventure! Matthew 10.7-10**
- **Building/being nets of safety for the world/one another! Mt 4.19 Rom 12.4,5**
- **Holding the gospel “*as it was once delivered to the saints!*” Jude 1.3**
- **Running on the fuel of love that will keep us running after Him for a lifetime! John 14.15-17**

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- Doing what is right *just because it is right...* immediately or in time!
- Freed from condemnation and rejection we follow, and fall, *on an incline!*
- Not freed to go back to our old lifestyle, but called to “go and sin no more...”
- Operating from the base of humility that comes from knowing who He is and who He has made you to be!

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- **“Never know true discipleship without humility!”**
 - Be “that guy” who doesn’t need to prove anything to anyone!
 - Whose richness in Christ makes him confident, unassuming, unshakable!
 - Just working head down, waiting for Him to lift it up!
 - Because God doesn't miss a thing you do!

Today...



- Next step in discipleship “precepts...”
 - We know that Jesus drew us into the great adventure as “fishers of men...”
 - And we are building “nets” of safety for the world and each other...
 - But really good discipleship also includes “line” fishing...
 - Having someone “hooked” on the other end of the line, with you!

Today...



- “One of the two who followed Jesus after hearing John the Baptist say, ‘Behold the Lamb of God,’ was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. *He first went and found his own brother Simon [and then I found my brother James],* and said, We have found the Messiah, which is being interpreted, the Christ. *And he brought him to Jesus.”* **John 1.36, 40-42**

Today...



- “Then Jesus went to Galilee, found Philip, and said, Follow me. Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. *Then Philip went and found Nathanael, and said, We have found him of whom Moses and the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth. Nathanael said, Can any good thing come out from Nazareth? Philip said unto him, Come and see.*” **John 1.43-46**



**Good discipleship
includes the idea of
having someone in
discovery with you...**

Typically...



- **A disciple is someone we mentor/coach after we get some sense of the kingdom!**
 - “Give me some time to study the Bible...”
 - “Some time to get some experience...”
 - “Need to be able answer their questions!”
 - “Need to be duplicable/followable!”
- **But none of that happened here!**
 - They just came to Jesus together!

Disciple Asides...



- **Not someone you own/control...**
 - “Shepherding” killed a revival!
- **Not someone to create in your image...**
 - Someone you are bringing to Jesus!
- **Someone who may exceed you!**
 - “Would there be a Simon Peter if it wasn’t for a guy named Andrew?”
 - (Mordecai Ham brought... Billy Graham!)

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 - Andrew brings Peter, the boy with the loaves and fish (**John 6.8**), and some *Greeks to Jesus* (**John 12.22**)

Atypically...



- **Our type of ‘discipleship’ is someone you have with you while you’re studying, learning, getting experience!**
 - You’re following Jesus together, from the start...
 - They may not go as long or as far...
 - Or they may go longer and farther...
 - But it’s great, and Biblical, to have a learning partner with you on the journey!

Good Guidelines Asides...



- **They should be people of the same sex as you!**
 - **Propinquity is a law as heavy as gravity!**
 - **Two bodies in close proximity for any length of time, will gravitate together!**
 - **Many strong people have been brought down by ignoring this force of nature!**
 - **“Affairs don’t start in bedrooms, they start with conversations!”**

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 - “The wise fears, and turns, from evil, the fool rages and is confident...” Pr 14.16

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 - People who share in thanking God!
 - Share in praying/ministry to each other!
 - Read/study the word of God together!
 - Get revelations from God...
 - And share them with others!
- *Learning partners!*

Learning Partners...



- Aren't always going to be "lifetime!"
 - Paul was with Ananias at his beginning...
 - Then Barnabas... until the until the split over Mark...
 - Barnabas chose Mark over Paul...
 - Paul chose Silas and Timothy...
 - Then Mark comes back into the picture with Paul!
- The point is that relationships change... don't be offended or changed!



**Our pursuit is of the
Lord... and it's just
easier with someone
going along with us...**



**Until it's not... and
then we find someone
else pursuing the Lord
at our rate!**



**Born again to run...
with others... but
always after the One
who saved our souls!**



“Nets and Hooks!”