

WHY I SHARE

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John 1:35-51 (NLT)

³⁵ *The following day John was again standing with two of his disciples.*

³⁶ *As Jesus walked by, John looked at him and declared, “Look! There is the Lamb of God!”*

³⁷ *When John’s two disciples heard this, they followed Jesus.*

³⁸ *Jesus looked around and saw them following. “What do you want?” he asked them. They replied, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”*

³⁹ *“Come and see,” he said. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day.*

⁴⁰ *Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus.*

⁴¹ *Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means “Christ”).*

⁴² *Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, “Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas” (which means “Peter”).*

⁴³ *The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Come, follow me.”*

⁴⁴ *Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter’s hometown.*

⁴⁵ *Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, “We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.”*

⁴⁶ *“Nazareth!” exclaimed Nathanael. “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” “Come and see for yourself,” Philip replied.*

⁴⁷ As they approached, Jesus said, “Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity.”

⁴⁸ “How do you know about me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus replied, “I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you.”

⁴⁹ Then Nathanael exclaimed, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!”

⁵⁰ Jesus asked him, “Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this.”

⁵¹ Then he said, “I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth.”

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FOLLOW JESUS?

1. True disciples are surrendered to Christ.

Luke 14:26-27, 33 (NLT)

²⁶ “If you want to be my disciple, you must hate everyone else by comparison—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple. ³³ So you cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own.

2. True disciples continue in Christ’s Word.

John 8:31-32 (NKJV)

³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”



SERMON NOTES

3. A true disciple practices love.

John 13:35 (NLT)

³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

4. A true disciple will bear fruit for the Lord.

John 15:8 (NLT)

⁸ When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.