

SUBJECT TITLE : "Ready Willing and Able"

SCRIPTURES : Matthew 4:18 – 22

Here we find Jesus on the shores of the Sea of Galilee where fishermen are fishing. The Bible suggest that Jesus came upon two (2) brothers who were among the fishermen. Simon and his brother Andrew were casting their fishing nets into the sea. Jesus was aware the brothers would be at the shore. He wanted them to participate in His missionary endeavor going forward. John 1: 42 scripture says, And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona thou shall be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone (rock). Simon and his brother Andrew knew of Jesus before this encounter. The Greek translation for Cephas is Peter.

The earlier scriptures of Matthew 4, Jesus had been in the wilderness with the enemy Satan. He was subject to cruel acts by Satan's actions.

Jesus was tormented for numerous days and nights. The onslaught of cruel actions and behavior was done to break the spirit of Jesus.

But Jesus outlasted the attack by standing firm on the "WORD". Jesus stood on the word because He is God's son. Though the enemy gave his best. It was not good enough because Jesus was

READY WILLING and ABLE. The word of God is available to cover us but we must study, live it and store the word in our heart.

Matthew 4: 19 And He saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Simon (Peter) and Andrew meet Jesus and they believe He was the Messiah. The Prophets foretold and alerted everyone that Jesus would come. Because of their belief and experience with Him the brothers were Ready, Willing and Able to immediately follow Him.

When Jesus comes back He will rule over everything and everybody. Will you be READY, WILLING and ABLE. How can we be "fishers of men" and what does that mean. The Gospel books we find this phrase.

Matthew 4: 19

Mark 1: 17

Luke 5:10

Fishers of men is a metaphor. A metaphor is an earthly phrase with a heavenly meaning. Jesus used this to mean that the disciples or those who are believers would "catch" or encourage others for the Kingdom of heaven. We as believers can affect the non – believers

and influence them by our demeanor, conduct, behavior, action(s), walk, encouragement, and sharing our testimony of the goodness of the Lord. Although you may not be a fisherman, as a believer we have the duty to help our fellow men/women know there is room for them.

James and John, in Matthew 21 were approached by Jesus and they put down the net and followed him.

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