

Mark 1

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Mark 1:16-20

16 Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

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Luke 6:12-13

12 In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. 13 And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles...

You are not a disciple by accident; rather, your calling is deeply personal and intentional.


THE PRICE OF DISCIPLESHIP

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- Livelihood & security

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- Not just material, but relational



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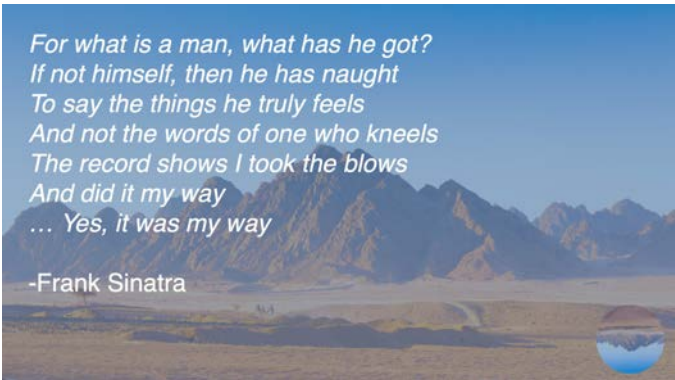


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you can't go your own way.



I DID IT MY WAY

*And now, the end is near
And so I face the final curtain
My friend, I'll say it clear
I'll state my case, of which I'm certain
I've lived a life that's full
I traveled each and every highway
And more, much more than this
I did it my way*



*For what is a man, what has he got?
If not himself, then he has naught
To say the things he truly feels
And not the words of one who kneels
The record shows I took the blows
And did it my way
... Yes, it was my way*

-Frank Sinatra



THE PURPOSE OF DISCIPLESHIP

“Follow me, and I will make you
become fishers of men.”



Follow me, and I will make you
become _____.

Follow me, and I will make you
become _____.

wealth
successful
happily married
a better version of yourself
admired and respected

Discipleship is not adding Jesus to your life to get what you want. Discipleship is surrendering your life to Jesus so he can shape you for what he wants for you - to live for a greater purpose than yourself.

THE PACE OF DISCIPLESHIP

“Follow me, and I will make you *become* fishers of men.”

“Discipleship is a long obedience in the same direction.” –Eugene Peterson

One of the *first* things that Jesus told Peter?
“Follow me.” -Mark 1:17

One of the *last* things that Jesus told Peter?
“Follow me.” - John 21:19

The common Christian struggle is not that we don't believe in Jesus, it's that we don't know how to follow Jesus.

What this tells us is that it is of utmost importance that we learn how to walk with Jesus.

