



Created for the Calling  
**Matthew 4:18-22**

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### Series Summary

We all want our lives to matter. But how do we know if we're doing the right thing? In a world where nothing is guaranteed, nothing is certain, you can build a life that can last. In the Bible, we can find practical guidance for everyday life as learn build a life that will last as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

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### Theme Passage

**Matthew 5:16** – In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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### Main Text

**Matthew 4:18-22** (ESV) – <sup>18</sup> While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

**Big Idea – God's Paradox for Life: You Must Lose to Gain**

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### Threefold Calling Given to You

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#### Calling #1 – You Are Called to Be an Imitator of Christ

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## Calling #2 – You Are Called to Expand Your Vision and become a Fisher of Men

**Matthew 4:19** (ESV) – <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

## Calling #3 – You Are Called to have a Sense of Urgency as You Follow the Savior

**Matthew 4:20-22** (ESV) – <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

## Memory Verse

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**1 John 2:6** (ESV) – Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

## Challenge:

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You are called to consistently apply the divine principles and truths found in the Word of God. Take the next step in your study by (1) Discussing and applying the sermon with your small group, (2) Participating in a Sunday School class, or (3) Study through the study guide found at the Connection Point.