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## **Scripture**

### **Mark 1: 14-20**

After John had been arrested,  
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God:  
"This is the time of fulfillment.  
The Kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the Gospel."  
As he passed by the Sea of Galilee,  
he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea;  
they were fishermen.  
Jesus said to them,  
"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."  
Then they left their nets and followed him.  
He walked along a little farther  
and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.  
They too were in a boat mending their nets.  
Then he called them.  
So they left their father Zebedee in the boat  
along with the hired men and followed him.

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

"Come after me", Jesus said to Simon and Andrew, and He will eventually say it to many who will follow Him. And the amazing thing is He says this to

you and me! How do we know? One of the clearest, sure fire ways may sound odd. He calls us when we are restless, listless, when we feel "bored" or bloated. Yes, during those time if we can only turn to Him, light a candle, go to some place quiet, we can feel His Presence. Why? Peter and Andrew offer an answer. For them, it was fishing, day in and day out. They made a good living at it. But the reason they dropped their nets immediately was because Jesus was offering them a new life. They wanted that life, and so do we. Deep down inside, at the deepest level of your heart, do you not long for something more?

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## **Food for your Journey**

God's call, vocation, is twofold. God calls us saying, "Come, follow me." We arrive and then we must follow. We find but must go on seeking. God's call is a never-ending call, to the unknown, to adventure, to follow him in the night, in solitude. It is a call incessantly to go farther, and farther. For it is not static but dynamic (as creation also is dynamic) and reaching him means going on and on. God's call is like the call to become an explorer; it is an invitation to adventure.

--Ernesto Cardenal, Love (Crossroad, 1981), 68.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, Help me to become aware of the movements of my heart. When I feel lonely, listless, bored or bloated, may I stop trying to hide or deny these feelings. May I see in them a calling from You to talk, to get closer than we are. By getting rid of all the cleverly devised distractions that I put up in Your way, may I know that Peace that this world can never give. Amen