

Daily Reflections

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The Divine Intervention

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Scripture

Matthew 4:18-22

As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen.

He said to them,

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

At once they left their nets and followed him.

He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.

They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets.

He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.

Our Scripture Reflection

Ever wonder what Simon, Andrew and the other apostles heard in Jesus' voice that would cause them literally to drop and leave everything to follow Jesus? Fishing was a lucrative business back then that paid good money and offered security. Why leave it all and risk your future just because someone says "follow me"? Today's reading teaches us that you can have it all ...

money, power, knowledge ... and still not be fulfilled. Jesus brings meaning and purpose to life. May we open our hearts in welcome to Him this day and most important, follow Him.

Food for your Journey

Penn Jillette, the atheist illusionist and comedian, has said: "I don't respect people who don't proselytize. I don't respect that at all. If you believe that there's a heaven and hell and people could be going to hell or not getting eternal life or whatever, and you think that it's not really worth telling them this because it would make it socially awkward. ... How much do you have to hate somebody to believe that everlasting life is possible and not tell them that?"

--"Penn Jillette gets a gift of a Bible," YouTube, August 9, 2009, youtube.com.

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, make me an instrument of Your peace in this world. When my friends and family see me, may they recognize Your Presence in me as well. Amen.