

**Field & Stream Living Series Part 5: Getting Geared Up****Matthew 4:18-22**

**Core Practice Associated With: #7** – We are fully persuaded that the gospel is to be spread locally and around the world by every member of the Body of Christ and that it is the duty of the elders and ministers to equip the saints for this work. *Eph. 4:11-13*

**Aim:** The aim of this sermon is to give each person a practical understanding of what it means to follow Jesus and become a fisher of men. The main points will examine this text in detail so that we can hold a Biblical and practical understanding of what Jesus means in this text.

**Mt. 4:18-22 (NIV)** – <sup>18</sup> As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” <sup>20</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>21</sup> Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, <sup>22</sup> and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

**Three Basic Steps in Getting Geared Up****Step #1 – Jesus Calls Upon You (v. 18-19, 21)**

- **John 15:16** – You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.
- This main point focuses on the three levels of understanding associated with the Calling that each Christian has upon his or her life not from a human perspective but from God’s perspective. Examine the sub-points.
- **Understand Jesus Chose You First**
- **Understand You Are Called to Sacrifice**
- **Understand You Are Called to Be His Instrument**

**Step #2 – Jesus Gives You the Message (v. 19, 21)**

- **Luke 9:23** – Then he said to them all: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”
- This main point helps people clearly examine and understand the message that Jesus is giving to each one of those that desire a relationship with Him. Examine the sub-points.
- **Understand the Message: Come Follow Me**
- **Understand You Are Called to Discipleship**
- **Understand You Are Called to Service**

**Step #3 – You Make the Choice (v. 20, 22)**

- **Romans 1:24-25** – <sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. <sup>25</sup> They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.
- This main point focuses on helping people understand that God has given us the Free will to choose Him and His will over our own. It is always left up to us to close the Gap. Examine the sub-points.
- **Understand that the Choice Takes Humility**
- **Understand the Choice Requires a New Direction**

**Memory Verse: Mt. 4:19-20** – “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him.



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