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## DAY 06

GOD PROMISES TO TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE

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KEY SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 4:19

*“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”*

I just love the Christmas season. I love getting together with family. I love the food. I love the atmosphere. It just feels different. From the time our tree goes up in mid-November, there is just something about the feeling Christmas brings that puts joy in my heart. It's a feeling I want to hold onto – even amidst the talk of new beginnings and a brand new year. It's (partially) why my Christmas decorations won't get taken down for at least another month – or two!

The part of the Christmas story that I gravitate to the most lately is the Magi who followed the star and visited Jesus. God draws people by His Spirit. What a powerful truth. He continually draws people to places where His people should be. Who knows what the star actually was that the men followed. Jupiter? The shekinah glory? There's some kind of scientific explanation for sure. We just know that it led them to where they needed to be. They show up and even before they encounter Jesus, Matthew 2:10 says they responded with exceedingly great joy.

We don't know how long it took them to get to Jerusalem. But, the gifts they brought were premeditated. They anticipated in hope that they were seeing the king of all kings. In faith, they said they were going to bring the best of the best. They knew that the gifts they had to give in return were sacrificial.

Do we approach God the same way? I find we typically pray, God, help me. God, feed me. Their response was, 'God, what can I give you?' They knew who they were going to see.

After their sacrificial gift to Jesus, they were warned in a dream to go home a different way. They changed their course. Spiritually speaking, how can anyone encounter the presence of Jesus and not allow Him to change their course?

Jesus' offer to the first disciples reminds me of this because it changed the course of their lives. When Jesus calls you, you cannot go back to being the same. You've got a different path. When you encounter Him, He'll alter your course. Now, you're headed into life (and life more abundantly) because Jesus changes your direction.

This is the Gospel message. Change your direction so you can be agents of change for others.



## REFLECTIONS

- ▶ Have you changed the direction of your life ever since you encountered Jesus?
- ▶ Are there things in your life that you need to drop or sacrifice so that you can live the life Jesus has called you to?
- ▶ Are there people God has put in your life so you can lead them to Him?

# PRAYER

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for calling me just like You did to Your very first disciples. I ask that You help me, Lord to point others to You. Help me to live my words, not just speak them. Thank You for the message of hope that knowing You brings and the joy that comes from serving you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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