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**Pt. 2 – “NEXT STEPS”**  
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**Being a sinner  
does not disqualify you  
from following Jesus.**

**Being an unbeliever  
doesn't disqualify you  
from following Jesus.**

**Religion:**  
**Change and you can join us!**

**Jesus:**  
**Join us and you will change!**

**AM I FOLLOWING?**

**Matthew 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.**

**Luke 5:1-11 (NIV)**

<sup>[1]</sup> One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and **listening** to the word of God,

<sup>[2]</sup> he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets.

<sup>[3]</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and **taught** the people from the boat.

<sup>[4]</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

<sup>[5]</sup> **Simon** answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because **you say so**, I will let down the nets."

[6] When they had **done** so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.

[7] So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

[8] When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, **Lord**; I am a **sinful man**!"

[9] For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken,

[10] and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; **from now on** you will catch men."

[11] So they pulled their boats up on shore, left **everything** and **followed him**.

#### **Four Stages of Following:**

- 1. Sit and listen**
- 2. Loan Him the boat**
- 3. Take Him fishing**
- 4. Leave you nets**