"Come In Here!"

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Matthew 4:18 - 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 fisherman.

✟ **The Sea of Galilee is 13 miles long and 8 miles across.**

✟ **The Sea of Galilee was thick with fishing boats and they used 3 methods of fishing, which were, fishing by line, fishing with a casting net, and the drag net.**

Matthew 4:19-21
19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."
20 At once they left their nets and followed him.
21 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,

✟ **It is possible that some of these men may have been disciples of John the Baptist.**

✟ **Jesus came to these men and challenged them once and for all to follow him.**
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✟ **Jesus chose ordinary men.**

✟ **Jesus wants and needs people like the disciples, like me, who will give myself to him and follow him.**

✟ **Peter, Andrew, James and John were professional fishermen.**
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✟ **What are the good qualities of a Fisher of Men?**
- **Patience**
- **Perseverance**
- **Courage**
- **Have good sense**
- **The right bait**
- **Keep my focus on Christ.**

Matthew 4:22 - and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

✟ **When Jesus called, these men were motivated to get up and leave their jobs.**

Applying Today's Message to My Life:
✟ Jesus spoke to the fishermen in terms they recognized. How is God speaking to me so that I can recognize it?

✟ Jesus wants me to use MY skills and abilities to draw others to him. How am I doing this?

✟ What is holding me back from being fully committed to following Jesus?

✟ How will I respond this week, when Jesus calls me to "Come In Here," and then asks "Follow Me?"