

A Brand New Way Of Living



Text: Matthew 4:12-25

I. Introduction

- John Newton's influence on William Wilberforce
- What we can learn from these first four disciples
- Four men, fishermen, got a wake up call from Jesus
- This would turn their lives upside down
- It helped to form their identity as disciples

II. They Had A Genuine Encounter With Jesus

- Our church needs to be a place and an atmosphere where people meet God
- We are not a club or a social organization
- The church needs to be different from these
- The Christian life is more than just Sunday worship

III. They Responded To Jesus' Call

- And they responded right away
- "Follow me"
- "Instead of asking God to bless what **you're** doing, ask God to show you what **He** is doing...and then join in!"
- Get involved in what God is doing
- You can be a great witness for Christ in any job you do
- Not all of us receive the same calling except we all have been called to be a witness to Christ

IV. Those Disciples Chose Being Real As Opposed To Being Respectable

- There's a difference between being a respectable Christian and a real Christian
- There's a difference between being a "believing church member" and a "belonging church member"
- Anyone can belong to a church

V. Conclusion

- Are you a believer or just a believer?
- Are you a respectable Christian or are you a real Christian?
- Are you a true believer in Jesus Christ? Or are you just a church member?
- Are you satisfied with being a respectable Christian...a Christian on the outside? Or are you a real Christian?
- Four disciples did not settle for being respectable
- They were real
- They responded to Jesus' call
- Will you?
- It's the most rewarding life you can live