

# FOLLOW ME

## Message Notes

### On the Shore: A Story of Transformation

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#### Memory Verse:

*“For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps.” – 1 Peter 2:21*

#### WHO IS PETER?

- Peter’s given name was Simon Son of John (Simon bar Jonah).
- Jesus gave Simon the name Peter (Aramaic “Cephas) meaning “\_\_\_\_\_”.
- Peter was a fisherman on the Sea of Galilee.
- Peter is always first when the Bible lists Jesus’ disciples.
- Peter denied knowing Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the night before Jesus was crucified.
- Peter became a leader in the early church and was the first to share the Good News of Jesus with non-Jews (Gentiles).
- Peter wrote two books of the New Testament (1 & 2 Peter), and the Gospel of \_\_\_\_\_ is believed to be Peter’s account of the life of Jesus.
- Peter was \_\_\_\_\_ for his faith around 65 AD in Rome under the great persecution of Christians by Emperor Nero.

#### Jesus Calls Peter to Follow Him

Matthew 4:18-20

*One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers – Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew – throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” And they left their nets at once and followed him.*

**WHEN JESUS SAYS “COME FOLLOW ME” TO \_\_\_\_\_,  
HOW DO I RESPOND?**

## 6 LESSONS FROM MATTHEW 4:18-20:

- I FOLLOW \_\_\_\_\_.

*“And they left their nets at once and followed him.” – Matthew 4:20*

**Follow Me Principle:** \_\_\_\_\_.

*“So you must live as God’s obedient children. Don’t slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn’t know any better then.” – 1 Peter 1:14*

- I FOLLOW \_\_\_\_\_.

*“And they left their nets at once and followed him.” – Matthew 4:20*

*“I will hurry, without delay, to obey your commands.” – Psalm 119:60*

- I FOLLOW \_\_\_\_\_.

*“And they left their nets at once and followed him.” – Matthew 4:20*

*“By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence.”  
– 2 Peter 1:3*

- I FOLLOW \_\_\_\_\_.

*“A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too. They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind.” – Matthew 4:21-22*

*“And that water is a picture of baptism, which now saves you, not by removing dirt from your body, but as a response to God from a clean conscience. It is effective because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”  
– 1 Peter 3:21*

- I FOLLOW \_\_\_\_\_.

(Jesus) *“If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.” – Luke 9:23*

- I FOLLOW \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Meanwhile, Peter followed him at a distance...” – Matthew 26:58*

(Peter) *“There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.” – Acts 4:12*

**MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:**

- ☐ Memorize 1 Peter 2:21.
- ☐ Always say “YES” to Jesus.
- ☐ Attend the rest of the *Follow Me* teaching series (as much as possible).
- ☐ Make a difference by helping with Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 31. I will help in the following way(s):  
\_\_\_ CANDY \_\_\_ CAR \_\_\_ SERVE \_\_\_ GIVE \$\$
- ☐ Sign up for Fall Growth Group # \_\_\_\_\_

\* Join us next Sunday, October 12, at 11:00am, as we continue our new *Follow Me* teaching series with “Cast Your Nets: A Story of Provision.” It’s a great Sunday to bring a friend to attend with you!



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