

# QFMC 5 Day Devotional

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## The Call to Follow

### Day 1: Called in the Ordinary

*Reading: Matthew 4:18-22*

Devotional: Jesus didn't wait for Peter and Andrew to finish their spiritual résumés before calling them. He met them in the middle of their workday, hands smelling of fish, nets in hand. This reveals something profound: God meets us in our ordinary moments, not just in spiritual settings. You don't need to be in church, on a retreat, or in a season of seeking to encounter Jesus. He walks into your everyday life—your workplace, your home, your routine—and invites you to follow. Today, pause and recognize that wherever you are right now, Jesus can meet you there. Your ordinary day is the perfect place for an extraordinary invitation.

### Day 2: Chosen, Not Qualified

*Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31*

Devotional: The fishermen Jesus chose weren't the top students from synagogue school. They had already entered the family trade, likely because they weren't deemed qualified to be rabbis' disciples. Yet Jesus chose them anyway. This is the heart of grace: Jesus doesn't build His kingdom with the most impressive people. He chooses ordinary people and patiently forms them. You may feel unqualified, unprepared, or inadequate for what God is calling you to. That's okay. Discipleship doesn't begin with proving yourself; it begins with responding to Jesus' invitation. He sees potential in you that you cannot yet see in yourself. Trust that He who calls you will also equip you.

### Day 3: Follow First, Become Later

*Reading: Philippians 2:12-13*

Devotional: Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Notice the order: follow first, then become. Transformation happens as we walk with Jesus, not before. Many of us wait to follow until we feel ready, cleaned up, or spiritually mature enough. But Jesus invites us to come as we are and trust Him to do the forming. Discipleship isn't self-improvement; it's formation through relationship with Jesus. God works in you both to will and to work for His

good pleasure. Your role is to follow obediently. His role is to transform faithfully. Stop waiting until you're ready. Start following today, and trust Jesus to make you into who He's calling you to become.

## Day 4: Immediate Obedience

*Reading: Luke 9:57-62*

Devotional: "Immediately they left their nets and followed him." Matthew emphasizes the speed of their response because something about Jesus' call created clarity. These men didn't know the future, but they knew enough about Jesus to trust Him. Following Jesus is costly—it touches our work, security, routines, and priorities. It asks for surrender. When Jesus becomes central, everything else rearranges around Him. The old life gives way to the new. Perhaps you've heard Jesus' invitation but hesitated, waiting for a better time or clearer circumstances. Immediate obedience doesn't mean reckless impulsiveness; it means responding with faith when Jesus provides clarity. What is Jesus asking you to leave behind today? What next step requires your immediate yes?

## Day 5: Formation Takes Time

*Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17; Philippians 1:6*

Devotional: Peter didn't become Peter overnight. These fishermen misunderstood, asked bad questions, struggled with pride and fear. Yet Jesus kept walking with them, patiently forming them. Discipleship is not instant transformation but faithful formation over time. Many of us get discouraged by slow growth, but Jesus isn't surprised by it. He's committed to the process. The old life is gone; the new has begun—but "begun" is the key word. God, who began a good work in you, will carry it to completion. Don't despair over your imperfections or slow progress. Keep following. Keep surrendering. Keep walking with Jesus and others on the discipleship pathway. Transformation is happening, even when you can't see it clearly. Trust the One who is making you.