

Navigator

Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You. Psalm 143:8b

Followers of Jesus Christ

The first time that the reader is introduced to Peter and his brother Andrew in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus is walking by the Sea of Galilee (Mark 1:16). The two brothers were there casting their nets into the water because, as Mark adds, “they were fishermen.” Now fishermen had a bad reputation in those days: they were known to be hard workers, rough in their speech, crude in their mannerisms, and coarse in their treatment of others. In other words, they were a pretty rough and tumble bunch of guys who were known to be really rough around the edges.

But Peter and Andrew “were fishermen.” They were defined by what they did for a living. When people would have seen them they would have thought, “There are Peter and Andrew the fishermen.” Being defined by what a person did as their profession was commonplace in the first century. Jesus’ step-father was Joseph the carpenter. One of Jesus’ disciples, Matthew, was known as Matthew the tax-collector. Later in Mark chapter 6 when people are wondering about the identity of Jesus they will ask, “Isn’t this the carpenter?” identifying even Jesus by His former profession.

The same thing is true today: one of the first questions that a person usually asks when they meet someone new is, “Now what do you do for a living?” These same things define us and serve as our identity: we are engineers, and managers, and pastors, and business men, and stay-at-home moms, and teachers. For Peter and Andrew, as well as for us today, part of who they were was drawn from what they did.

It is not only our career that defines us and gives us a sense of identity, but many other things as well. Some of you may be defined by your successes: wealthy, successful, powerful. Some of you may be defined by your failures: unwed mother, addict, loser. Some of you may be defined by your past: sin, disappointment, abused, tragedy, victim. That is your identity that you feel that you are living with that defines you and who you are. And there are times where you feel that you cannot shake it and that you will always be “that.”

The thing that Jesus offered to these fishermen and that He offers to us as well is not a change of identity, but the opportunity to find our identity in Him, that we could be defined by Jesus and our relationship with Him and that we could find our identity in Jesus Himself.

Do you remember the ridiculous years of high school where everybody was just trying to fit in with one group or another? If you were a jock you dressed one way and did one group of things and if you were a preppy you dressed another way and had another group of friends and did other activities. Each group had their defining characteristics as everybody was searching for their identity and what was going to define them. There was franticness about fitting in and being accepted and being noticed and being somebody. Unfortunately the ridiculousness of high school did not end there: many people today are still searching for what will define their lives as they look to find their identity and who they are in what they do and what they have.

The freeing alternative that Jesus offers is to find our identity in who we are in Jesus. No matter what else I may or may not be, or whatever I may or may not have, I must first and foremost be defined by my relationship with Jesus Christ. Before anything else, before I am a pastor or a husband or a father or a friend or a whatever, I must be defined as a follower of Jesus Christ.

Do not let your past or this world dictate to you who you are. Find your identity in Jesus Christ and let that define you. All of those other things may change, but who I am in Jesus will never change. If I can find my identity in Jesus and be satisfied in Jesus then I do not need the latest and greatest things to define who I am. I do not need a huge bank account to make me feel like a real somebody. I will not crave more stuff to impress others, because I am secure knowing who I am in Jesus Christ.

When that happens I am free to find worth in who I am in Jesus and in nothing else. Peter the fisherman and Andrew the fisherman were about to become Simon Peter and Andrew the followers of Jesus as Jesus said to them, “Follow Me” (Mark 1:17). How sweet and freeing to lose ourselves in Jesus Christ!

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Jonah Word Scramble

Someone messed up this story! Unscramble the words for the story to make sense.

Jonah was a phertop. God asked him to go to heNiven and cry out to the people for their repentance. Jonah did not want to go, so instead he paid noyme to ride in a ship far away from Nineveh.

A great storm rose up while Jonah was gepselin on the ship. The men were scared for their velsi, but Jonah was sleeping in the lowest part of the ship. The captain called him "sleeper" and asked him to pyra to his God for help.

Jonah told the men they would have to throw him brovoader in order to calm the storm. The men prayed that God would not hold them guilty for killing Jonah, and they wreth him overboard.

Jonah sunk to the tomtob of the sea. The wesaede was even wrapped around his neck. Then God sent a large fish to slowlaw him. Jonah prayed and praised God for gavsin him. After three days, God caused the fish to tovim Jonah onto a beach.

Again, God asked Jonah to go to Nineveh, and this time Jonah newt. He told the people to repent or else God would sertody their city in 40 days. The people denepert.

This made Jonah mad! He knew God would vefogri the people of Nineveh. Jonah wanted Nineveh spunihed for their wickedness, not forgiven.

Jonah left the city and sat drenu a vine. God sent a worm to eat and hetwir the vine. Next, God sent a hot sun to scorch Jonah's deha. Jonah grew tafin and wanted to die!

God told Jonah that he was more upset about the gynid vine than about the perishing people of Nineveh. Just as Jonah had pity on the vine, God had pity on the people of Nineveh—people who God drecate and cared for far more than any vine.

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Teens transformed by Christ, to transform the world, for His glory.

Purpose in your heart—“But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself...” (Daniel 1:8a). Most scholars agree that Daniel was a teenager when first taken captive by the Babylonians. In a moment, his entire childhood was gone. He was taken from his homeland, the center of his worship was destroyed, and his people were all murdered, taken captive, or scattered. Nothing in his life was as it had been. As a captive of Babylon, his new life meant being surrounded by Babylonian culture and being immersed in Babylonian literature and customs.

It is safe to say that Daniel was an outstanding youth. We know that he was handsome, smart, gifted and quick, and we can also conclude that he apparently had excellent skin ☺. He was among young men “...in whom there was no blemish, but good looking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand” (from Daniel 1:4). He was the best of the best!

Daniel could have easily embraced his new culture and new surroundings and risen up as an excellent Babylonian under favor of the king, but he apparently had his limits. When offered the king's food, he politely requested to refrain. The king's food was at least in part sacrificial food to the Babylonian gods, and the king's food included items that would have not been in compliance with the food laws given to the Israelites by God.

Daniel had *purposed in his heart to not defile himself*...he had purposed in his heart to be set apart for God and to follow God's statutes. It is this “purposing” which set Daniel apart for the rest of his life as a follower of God who could not be swayed into ungodliness.

What have you purposed in your heart? When you are away from your family and away from your church circles, do you purpose in your heart to not defile yourself, to remain set apart for God's purposes? What an excellent example Daniel sets for all of us. Be encouraged and consider purposing in your heart Godly limits to live by.



Meet Billy Franklin Mobley

Where were you born and raised?

I was born in Wendell; at age 7 moved on great-grandfathers farm in Jerome where I later went to high school and met Win. We have been married 55years. We stayed here to care for our 2 widowed mothers.

Who are (or have been) the most influential people in your life?

My father and mother, my wife, and our pastor Tomberlin at the church where I was saved and mentored.

What is one of your favorite passages and/or books of the Bible?

2 Samuel 9. This love King David showed to Jonathan's son Mephibosheth who sat at his table with his crippled feet covered by the white linen table cloth--it is just as Jesus' blood covers our crippled condition. Also I read Ephesians a lot.

Aside from the Bible, what are your favorite books?

All of Lee Strobel's *Case For...* books ; my wife's of course—cause I'm in one; John Grisham's mysteries.

If you were stranded on an island, what three foods would you most want to have?

ISLAND? NO WAY! ☺ Old fashioned Butter pecan ice cream, Mountain Dew, and Chocolate.

Who in the Bible do you most identify with?

Paul—as he always had an answer for every spiritual question and I'd like to be like that.

What are the four most interesting places you have been to?

Besides Idaho wilderness on horseback— Fishing in Alaska and Canada, Florida, Meztlan, and Disneyland with our 5 wonderful daughters.

How did you come to know Christ?

After being raised Catholic and being an altar boy, I thought I didn't need any of that saved stuff. But my wife and mother-in-law kept me coming with the promise of good home cooked dinners after church. At a revival meeting, a cowboy preacher gave a message saying, "You can come to the feast table, but if you don't partake you will leave hungry." I knew then that I only had a head knowledge and not heart. I went forward and knelt to ask forgiveness for my sins and accepted Christ. He has never forsaken me.

An Excerpt From The Classics



From "What Must I Do to be Saved," by Dwight L. Moody, 1837-1899

Suppose you do not want to hear a sermon (on this last night) so much as you want to know how to be saved. I want, if I can, to answer that question, "What must I do to be saved?" There is no question that can come before us in this world that is so important; and I think that there is not a man in this audience tonight who does not feel interested in it...

Now, this evening I want to take up some of the Bible illustrations. In the first place, there is the ark. There was a minute when Noah was outside of the ark, and another minute when he was inside. And, bear in mind, it was the ark that saved Noah: it was not his righteousness; it was not his feelings; it was not his tears; it was not his prayers. It was the ark that saved him. If he had tried to make an ark of his feelings, or of his prayers, or of his life, he would have been swept away: he would have been drowned with the rest. But, you see, it was the ark that saved him.

When I was in Manchester, I went into the gallery one Sunday night to have a talk with a few inquirers; and while I was talking, a business man came in, and took his seat on the outskirts of the audience. I think, at first, he had come merely to criticize, and that he was a little skeptical. At last I saw he was in tears. I turned to him, and said, "My friend, what is your difficulty?" "Well," he said, "Mr. Moody, the fact is, I cannot tell." I said, "Do you believe you are a sinner?" He said, "Yes; I know that." I said,

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Ark;
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"Christ is able to save you"; and I used one illustration after another, but he did not see it. At last I thought of the ark, and I said: "Was it Noah's feelings that saved him? Was it Noah's righteousness that saved him, or was it the ark?" "I see it, now," said he; "I see it." He got up and shook hands with me, and said: "Goodnight: I must go. I have to go away by the train tonight; but I was determined to be saved before I went. I see it now."

A few days after, he came and touched me on the shoulder, and said, "Do you know me?" I said, "I know your face, but do not remember where I have seen you." He said, "Do you not remember the illustration of the ark?" I said, "Yes." "It has been all light ever since," said he. "I understand it now. Christ is the Ark; He saves me; and I must get inside Him." When I went down to Manchester again, and talked to the young friends there, I found he was the brightest light among them.

Full text: http://www.bibleteacher.org/moody_what.htm
Original spelling and punctuation retained.

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

9:15 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship

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To The Ends of the Earth



Zac goes to Asia

Where will you be ministering?

I will be spending the majority of my time in a large city in Asia.

How long will you be in Asia?

I will be there for six months. Arriving on July third and returning home on January third.

What are some of the things that you will be doing while you are there?

As we fly out of L.A. on July the 3rd there will be 24 people going to training. We will spend one week together then each go to our own places all throughout Asia. My partner John Kim and I will be going to a city to play basketball at a University there. Once there we will have a missionary contact but will live on our own. Our main objective will be to share the Gospel with the people who we are competing with and against at the University. Once they have some interest or make a profession of belief in Jesus Christ we will introduce them to a church leader.

How can we pray for you while you are gone?

Pray for my partner and I to get along. Pray for our skill as athletes. Most importantly pray for our spiritual walk with the Lord.

How can we pray for the people you will be ministering to?

Pray that the students will be searching for the truth. Pray that their hearts will be open to the Gospel. Pray that after they accept Christ they will be bold for Him despite persecution.

How do you expect this trip to change your life?

I expect God to do great things in me while I am gone. I expect to grow closer to Him and have a greater view of Him. I believe that I will come home with a greater passion to serve Him and to share with others what He has done in my life.



JULY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship in the Park at South Park in Jerome, the last Sunday of July at 6pm.

Get to know someone new—invite someone to coffee, meet at a park, share a meal in your home, buy chocolates and share.

Do you have announcements? One way to foster community is to make sure everyone knows of events and activities that they can attend and invite others to. Please email your bulletin announcements to robin@nrfellowship.org, and any newsletter announcements may be emailed to newsletter@nrfellowship.org.

MEN's LEAD Bible study meets every Wednesday from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

HEY KIDS! Where was Paul shipwrecked? Tell Mrs. Brockway, and you will get a prize!

Adoring Worship

We are responsible for surrendering ourselves to this God in the proportion in which we discover Him, and for having our surrender take the true form, adoring worship. Someone may say, Surely that is a condition which is not essential. That is the mistake we have made too long. We have treated worship, adoration, and prayer as though they were nonessential things. Perhaps we have been willing to admit that in certain circumstances, and in certain places, they do add something of beauty to the life. Yet, really, these are the essential things of life. No man has found the real meaning of his own life until he has yielded to God in adoring worship. The soul prostrate before God is never prostrate anywhere else. The man who knows what emotional surrender to God is - prostration, true worship, offered absolute adoration - comes out from the presence chamber erect, strong against all the forces that insult God and blast humanity.

George Campbell Morgan, 1863 - 1945

A coat, a drink, a meal, and the Gospel

Recently in our Sunday morning Bible study we read an incredible statistic. It stated that, on average, every household in the United States experiences a crisis or a significant life change every six months. This would include things such as a birth, death, serious injury, serious illness, job change or transfer, car accident, financial reversal, or a child leaving home. If we stop and ponder, we can most likely think of someone who is currently in such a situation. Many of these situations can currently be seen in the lives of someone in our church body. Each of these situations is an opportunity to meet these people's spiritual and temporal needs with the love of Christ.

Concern for others has always been a hallmark of Christianity. Christianity has no comparison to any other religion when it comes to demonstrating concern for people and their needs. This is because Jesus Christ was the ultimate example of meeting individuals' needs while balancing out their spiritual as well as their temporal needs. While His primary purpose was to meet our eternal need, He was not oblivious to people's temporal needs. The Gospels record several times that when Jesus saw a need He was moved with compassion. The miracle of Jesus feeding the five thousand (Mark 6:34-44) is a example of this. After He "taught them many things" (v. 34) concerning their spiritual needs, He then met their physical needs. His compassion led to action, despite an obvious lack of food. His disciples sought to avoid

responsibility for the multitude by wanting to "send them away" (v. 36) but Jesus replied "You give them something to eat" (v. 37). This must have startled them, because they definitely were not expecting it. As followers of Jesus we strive to be more like Jesus and less like the disciples in this case.

As a Church body we tend to put more emphasis on missions and evangelism than on social ministries. In other words, we put more emphasis on sharing the gospel rather than only taking care of people's temporal needs. As a rule, this is correct. We need to always be concerned about a person's eternal life. The foremost need of everyone is salvation: to be made right with God. The danger is when our emphasis causes us to overlook temporal needs. James 2:15-16 points this out. "If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of

daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,' but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?" We are telling them we care, but not enough to meet their temporal need. It has been said that people will not care how much you know until they know how much you care. It profits no one when we share the gospel with someone without meeting their urgent physical need.

Just as there is danger of giving only Bible verses and tracts to those who have desperate physical or material needs, we need to be aware that meeting only the temporal needs without sharing the Gospel is just as deadly. There are those who feel that the example of Christ-like actions will feed the more important spiritual need. They demonstrate great concern for the temporal needs but seldom get around to sharing the Gospel. If the Gospel is not shared, it may be possible to steal the glory that belongs to the Lord. There are many "good" people doing many "good" things for many reasons.

As followers of Christ we need to see the world as Christ does. When we do that, the opportunities for Christ-like ministries will become obvious. We will see that ministering to the temporal needs of people is complementary with meeting their spiritual needs. It will become obvious that it is not an "either/or" option but rather a Christ-like option.

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