

## **BECOMING A PERSON OF INFLUENCE..... RELEASE LIKE JESUS**

**Mark 1:16** One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living.:17 Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!”:18 And they left their nets at once and followed him.:19 A little farther up the shore Jesus saw Zebedee’s sons, James and John, in a boat repairing their nets.:20 He called them at once, and they also followed him, leaving their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired men.

### **INTRODUCTION**

**THE PURPOSE OF FISHING IS TO EAT AND PAY BILLS.IT IS SELF-CENTERED AND SELF MOTIVATED.  
THE PURPOSE OF FISHING FOR PEOPLE IS “OTHERS CENTERED” AND PURPOSE DRIVEN.**

**SLIDE: WHENEVER WE LOSE THE INFLUENCE OF JESUS WE RETURN TO SELF CENTERED LIVING!  
JOHN 21:3**

**COME - THIS IS OUR INITIAL REPENTANCE FROM SIN**

#### **1. BY GRACE AND GRACE ALONE**

*Ephesians 2:8* God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.:9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

#### **2. YOU ARE TRANSPORTED FROM ONE FAMILY TO ANOTHER**

*1 Peter 2:9* But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

*:10* “Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people.

*Once you received no mercy;  
now you have received God's mercy."*

**SLIDE: YOU CAN GO TO HEAVEN BY COMING TO  
JESUS BUT YOU CANNOT FIND PURPOSE IF YOU  
STOP THERE!**

**FOLLOW - THIS IS THE PROCESS OF BECOMING LIKE JESUS**

**1. GROW THROUGH LEARNING AND LIVING**

*Micah 6:8 No, O people, the lord has told you what is good,  
and this is what he requires of you:  
to do what is right, to love mercy,  
and to walk humbly with your God.*

**2. GROW THRU FAILURE AND FORGIVENESS**

*1 John 1:9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to  
forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.*

*1 John 1:10 If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar  
and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.*

**TRUTH MAKES YOU FREE IF YOU CONTINUE JOHN 8.31,32**

**I WILL SHOW YOU - WHEN YOU LET HIM SHOW YOU, YOU BECOME  
A PERSON OF INFLUENCE**

**1. INTENTIONALLY SEE PEOPLE AS HE DOES**

***Luke 8:41 Then a man named Jairus, a leader of the local synagogue, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come home with him.***

***Luke 8:42 His only daughter, who was about twelve years old, was dying. As Jesus went with him, he was surrounded by the crowds.***

***Luke 8:43 A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding, and she could find no cure.***

***Luke 8:44 Coming up behind Jesus, she touched the fringe of his robe. Immediately, the bleeding stopped.***

***Luke 8:45 "Who touched me?" Jesus asked. Everyone denied it, and Peter said, "Master, this whole crowd is pressing up against you."***

## **2. TRANSFORM PEOPLE AND SITUATIONS BY HIS POWER**

***Acts of the Apostles 3:6 But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!"***

***Acts of the Apostles 3:7 Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened.***

***Acts of the Apostles 3:8 He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them.***

## **3. PROVISION COMES TO PEOPLE OF INFLUENCE (FISHERPEOPLE)**

***Matthew 17:27 However, we don't want to offend them, so go down to the lake and throw in a line. Open the mouth of the first fish you catch, and you will find a large silver coin. Take it and pay the tax for both of us."***