

WEEKLY WORD
LOIS DROVER

Isaiah 9.1-4; Psalm 27, 1 Corinthians 1.10-18, Matthew 4.12-23

Matthew 4,18-20

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.¹⁹ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

Picture yourself at work. You are doing whatever it is that you do, and suddenly this guy comes up to you and your co-workers and says, “Come, follow me”. Do you drop everything and go? Likely not. But that is exactly what Peter and Andrew did.

It makes me wonder how commanding a presence Jesus had, that people just left what they were doing and followed him for years, leaving family and friends behind. Can you imagine how upset Peter’s wife was? Who does that?

I read something the other day about having tunnel vision for Jesus keeping you on the right path. It struck me again as I read this passage from Matthew that Peter and Andrew for the rest of their lives had tunnel vision. Did they stray off the path sometimes? Of course, because they were not perfect; but Jesus always called them back, even after He was gone from their physical presence.

Our challenge this week is to pray for tunnel vision, that we will keep our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full on his wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His Glory and Grace.
(from the song, Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus)*