

Drafting a Dream Team

Whether you feel like you qualify or not, God has drafted you into His dream team.

1. COME AS YOU ARE

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. **19:** Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” **20:** And they left their nets at once and followed him. **21:** 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. **22:** They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind.

There was nothing in particular that made Peter and Andrew stand out from the crowd.

Peter and Andrew:

- *Didn't live life to stand out from the crowd*
- *Average fisherman*
- *At work*

BUT during their work and in the business of life, their ears **were still open to Jesus' voice.**

Jesus didn't...

- *wait for Peter and Andrew to go to the Synagogue and to attend the meeting.*

Jesus stepped into Peter and Andrews place of work and spoke into their lives.

Are our ears open to Jesus' voice outside those church doors?

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Jesus **affirmed** Peter and Andrews skills as fisherman and **confirmed** with them that He can use those skills for the outworking of the Great Commission.

Jesus will not disregard...

- *who we are*
- *our skills*
- *our talents*
- *our uniqueness*

The coach is calling us to trust Him with all that we are so He can show us the amazing things that are possible when we place our faith and trust in Him.

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James and John were helping their father in the family business.

Beth Sefer: (ages 5-10)

- *Taught to read and write.*
- *Taught to memorize the Torah (first 5 books of the Bible)*
- *Sent home at age 10 to learn the family business*

Bet Talmud: (ages 10-14)

- *The best and brightest students*
- *Learned and memorized the rest of the old testament*
- *Learned to debate*

Bet Midrash: (ages 14 and above)

- *Reserved for the elite few*

- *Can be chosen by a Rabbi (Teacher) for further education.*

Jesus was known to many as a Teacher among teachers because of His knowledge of the scriptures and His ability to debate the religious teachers confidently.

Jesus has come to offer James and John a chance to learn from the Rabbi among Rabbi's

Ephesians 3:20 Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

Jesus' offer was **so good**, James and John followed **'immediately'**.

3. CHOSEN FOR HIS ABILITY, NOT OUR ABILITY

John 15:16 You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.

It is solely by His grace alone that we are both called and allowed to participate in outworking God's game plan in the world.

When we think it is by our efforts and our works, pride and arrogance will cause us to lose focus on the field.

Matthew 22:36-40 “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” 37: Jesus replied, “‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ 38: This is the first and greatest commandment. 39: A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40: The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

Jesus (our coach) tells us that our focus is to love God and love others. **IT’S NOT ABOUT YOU!**

“Success on the field is determined by our ability to focus on the greatest commandment as we outwork the great commission.”

When Jesus says that he has appointed us to go and produce lasting fruit, at the same time, He is telling us that **He believes we have the ability to accomplish the task.**

We have the ability to connect people to Jesus!

When we play the game in humility, and trust that Jesus has given us the ability to produce lasting fruit, our will will start to align with God's will!

4. WE ARE TRANSFORMED TO BE PART OF THE DREAM TEAM

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

When Christ died on the cross for us, His perfection and righteousness was made available to us. We then receive His perfection and righteousness when we put our faith in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

What is truly the greatest miracle in every Christian's life is the transformation of their own heart! This is all that qualifies us to be a part of God's dream team.

ποίημα (poiēma) = Masterpiece

Poiēma: Masterpiece, Workmanship, Creation

We are God's masterpiece. We are not an accident. God has molded us with intention, skill and care.

It is in God meeting us where we are at, it's in being chosen by His grace, and being made new in Christ that we as **God's dream team** can truly fulfill **God's Game plan**.