

Pt 2 - THE DRAFT

Matthew 4:18-22 (niv) 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. "Come, follow Me." 21: Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, 22: and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him.

Imagine what this meant to the disciples?

Maybe for the first time in their lives, someone had confidence in them to become something more than they settled for!

Jesus called these fishermen away from their daily activities and drafted them onto His team to play out His game plan of bringing lost people back into a relationship with Him.

What does this story have to do with us?

Their story is our story!

BIG IDEA: Jesus has drafted each of us onto His team to join Him in what He is doing around the world.

The emphasis is on Jesus doing the choosing. Jesus said, “*You did not choose Me. I chose you.*” **John 15:16**

Jesus has chosen us to ‘*Get into the Game*’ and to follow His game plan of redemption.

To contribute to what He is doing around the world.

Jesus **reinforces His confidence in us** when He chooses us to be on His team.

Imagine the change in our society and the world around us if we all reached our God-given potential!

1 Thessalonians 1:4 (msg) God not only loves you very much but also has put His hand on you for something special.

Everyday is pregnant with possibilities to make a difference for God.

We have been chosen, selected and drafted into God’s team to play out His game plan of redemption.

God has drafted us onto His team, that’s a done deal but will we say “**yes**” and **sign on**?

Maybe you have served God in the past with passion but through failure, hurt, age or busyness now find it hard to pick up the baton again with the same enthusiasm.

Would you consider digging deep within yourself and to unleash that passion that once drove you to serve God with all?

Mark 10:45 (niv) For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

Jesus has chosen and drafted each of us onto His team to serve Him and by serving others.