

“Called To Follow” By Kirk Hunt

*After these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, “**Follow Me.**”*

Luke 5:27 NKJV

Levi bar-Alpheus, better known as Matthew, was doing his job. Matthew’s employment effectively made him a collaborator with the Romans. Right in the middle of a regular workday, Jesus called Matthew.

There were no long speeches or grand statements. Jesus did not perform a miracle or otherwise demonstrate His power. Jesus commanded. Matthew responded.

Calling is not some mysterious, mystical event. It is a summons to follow Jesus Christ. Do not try to make it more complicated than that.

He speaks His calling in a clear voice. Still, the clatter and clank of the workday may compete. You will have to listen carefully.

Calling is straight-forward. Jesus calls us to leave our lives as we know them, and follow Him. Your calling will require change. It may require sacrifice.

All of the Apostles left their homes and livelihoods. They fanned out through the world, spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They left, and went, in answer to their call.

Matthew was working a regular shift. Angels did not suddenly appear and blow trumpets. Still, his calling came, spoken by Jesus Himself.

Listen carefully. Jesus is closer than you think. His calling is clearer than you realize.

Think: Jesus calls me. What is my response?

Pray: “Lord, help me answer Your call, fully and completely.”

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