

Designed For Greatness: Don't Settle For Fish

1. Intro: Quote: "Volunteer Revolution: Intro to Book

2. Mission Statement: *The mission of the GREAT Design Ministry is to help the members of RTBC find fulfillment by discovering their God given design and using it for the good of others.*

Reality: Some of you will leave here 5 weeks from now and say...man, I dodged a bullet! For 5 weeks that guy did everything in his power to try and rope me in doing something at Church. There are some holes that need to be filled, some positions that need to be accepted, and the 5 weeks was all about getting me to do something I didn't want to do, don't have the time, talent or inclination to do...and I won...because I didn't sign up to try ANYTHING.

If that happens...I will have failed...not because there are some empty slots in the organizational and ministry structure that go unfilled, but because I will have failed to help you understand and believe, and come to know that *"the greatest fulfillment you will ever experience is when you DO what you were created to DO!"*

3. Testimonies

4. Music and Slide with Scripture Matthew 4:18-22 Pg 683

Jesus was a master at helping people discover what they were made to be...and to do! Look with me at Mt 4, and watch as Jesus finds a man that has the potential to be one of the top 4 or 5 most influential men in all of history...and walk with him as he challenges that man to be more than he ever dreamed he could be!

1. The First Thing I Want You To Notice Here is That Jesus Sees In People What No Else Can See. Vs 18

This is not the first time that Jesus has seen Peter. Depending on how you arrange the encounters that they have had to date, this is somewhere between the 3rd and 5th conversation they have had. Earlier Jesus has told Peter...You are going to be a Rock! Peter has struggled with Jesus holiness and his sinfulness, and he has become a follower, but now he is being invited into the inner circle. He is being called to be one of the 12. Jesus does that because He sees something in Peter that no one else sees.

Vs 18: They were fishing...because they were fisherman... Everyone around..Fisherman But here is the key I want you to notice.

Jesus Saw More! *Saw:* Lit= Unusual word. Means not just to observe...but to see beneath surface, and to understand:

To see Character, to see potential, To see what can be...and not just what is!

Half a dozen words for seeing....common, ordinary words...variety of meanings..this one...See and understand!

Used in Jn 1:48 With Nathanael Come and see the Messiah, Come look beneath surface...See...Know, Understand!

When Jesus saw Peter...he saw him the same way he saw Nathanael...*He saw him, and knew him, understood him...all way through!* Jesus invited Peter to be a disciple, not because of his Job Skills, Training, Experience would translate....

Jesus saw beneath the surface to what no one else could see..He saw How God had put Peter together, how He had wired Him up!

Perseverance Passion Potential

Everyone else looked at Peter...they just saw a Fisherman...Jesus....Saw a man of rocklike faith...and said..I can work with that!

ILLUS: Listen to me: Peter didn't become a Fisher of Men because he was first a fisherman and the skill set translated over!

He had always been created to be a Fisher of Men. He was created for that, he was made by God to do that...He just didn't know it And he became a fisherman..because that was the closest thing to what he was made to do that he could find...

All that potential, was buried...deep down inside...waiting for Jesus to come by and say..Peter..I see you...I know you are made for bigger things....you are made for better things...Peter...you are made for more!

APPLIC: Here is the Good News...God sees you that way as well! He sees thing in you no one else sees..Not even you!

Scripture teaches us that! This is nothing new

- **Listen: God made you just the way He wants you to be! Psm 139: 1-16**

Searched: *Examined intimately*

Know me: *Understand, be familiar with, comprehend*

Discern my thoughts *Discern how I think*

Formed me *Hold on as I am formed*

Knit me *Weave together, braid, form from different pieces*

- **He has a specific task for you Eph 2:10:**

Workmanship: *Product of his Labor*

Created: *Fabricated, put together, wired up*

God knows how you are put together...and He has the exact perfect place for you to serve Him and others!

Great Design is not about force fitting you into a slot and making you do things that you hate!

It is about finding out how you are put together, How God made you, so you can serve in a way that satisfies your soul!

Gifts (Spiritual)

Ruling Passions

Experiences

Abilities (Natural)

Type of Personality

There is no satisfaction like that of finding what you were made for...and doing it! There is something that happens in your heart when you are in your sweet spot...that's satisfies your soul..in a way nothing else can do!

2. Jesus Sees Us...Then He Challenges Us To Walk With Him...To Be A Part Of What He Is Doing. Vs 19

Called Them: Lit= *He laid out a plan of action, to lay out a systematic plan of action*

Follow Me: Lit=*Come and walk with me...Come and be my disciple...Come and Learn from me...Come and let me teach you*
He gave Peter a choice...Come follow me...and catch men...or stay here...and catch fish...he left everything...

Peter wasn't the only one...You see this over and over in the scriptures...

Moses: Elijah: Joshua: Ruth: All the great men and women of the faith heard the same thing from God When he walk into their life I have Seen You....And I want to Use You to make a difference in your world...

That is a call and a choice that we are all faced with...For some of you, you have been hearing that call from Jesus for years Yet you have chosen to follow other things. Its' a call to put Him first, A call to walk in obedience, A call to leave some things behind
ILLUS: We were talking about that in my small group the other night as it relates to prayer...

We said..we are like a dogs out for a walk...we follow whatever comes our way! One thing after another captures our attention Jesus and serving Him, and God, and others...is always relegated to what is left over, when we have time....other things addressed
Success Career Money Influence People Possessions Desires
The sad part is...We pursue all these things...but they don't satisfy our souls! Worst thing that can happen is we get what we want... Look at what is in the headlines...Brittany Spears...Heath Ledger...(medicine for depression!)

When we get it...Whatever IT is...We STILL have to answer Two Questions:

- **So What?** Emptiness (We have all had that experience, right..if only had, then we get it...never satisfies!) **PLASMA**
- **Now What** Something else! This didn't stop that craving for significance in my soul...it must be something else!

Here is a spiritual reality you need to embrace: That doesn't happen when you find the place God made for you to impact your world You find you place...Let it be teaching 5 yr olds, Working with Senior Adults, Being an usher or a greeter, Leading Small group, When you find that place that God made you for...and you are hitting on all cylinders...That Rightness is down deep in your soul

Those Two Questions Come Up Then...Here is what happens!

So What? I touched Eternity! The Light came on, Someone is going to be in heaven...Because I held their hand! Joy beyond words
Now What? I am going to do that again..You get hooked...You find that spot...you will never be satisfied with anything less!

Jesus Sees Us...Sees more than we ever imagine..

Jesus Challenges us..Invites us..come walk with me...let me teach you train you, help you discover what you were made for

3. Jesus Elevates Our Vision! Vs 19

I will make you fishers of men!

Helps Us See Beyond The Ordinary, To The Extraordinary To What Really Matters in Life.

Some Scholars Put the John 5 Passage as a part of this story, and some have it earlier in their relationship, Doesn't Matter

Jesus has helped Peter experience success in his earthly profession beyond his wildest imagination!

It's one of the greatest fish stories of all time!

Now....He says something that rocks Peter's world...

He says Peter...If you think that was great.....If you think that was satisfying, If you think that was rewarding

Having success with fish...Just imagine what it would be like..Going after the big game!

Instead of just catching fish...Think about what it would be like...If your vision were elevated, and your life was invested in people!

Think what it would be like to spend your life with one man, woman, boy, girl after another Helping them

- **Know Me**
- **Worship me**
- **Grow in me**
- **Become what I created them to be!**

And Peter...he catches the vision...His heart is ready, prepared...

Jesus believes in Him...Sees something..in Him!

Jesus Issues the call for Peter to Walk with Him...to be His disciple..to join into God's work in the world

And he accepts that call..leaves everything....

And you know the rest of the story...Peter became everything Jesus saw in him...

CONCL: Here is the thought I want to leave you with this morning...

It has haunted me all week. **DON'T SETTLE FOR FISH!**

When you hear his call...Respond...Be here All 5 Weeks..Learn, Study...Go to Class...Small Group...

This series...is about helping you find your God Given Design for Ministry and service

This series...is Jesus coming to you and saying...Follow ME...

I will make you...A fisher of men..a teacher of men...a healer of men...

I will help you invest your life in what matters..I will give you soul satisfaction....

And some of us...hearing that Call...Are going to settle for fish...Don't Do it..Dont Settle Fish!

