

John 1:35-51: The First Disciples | Pastor Steve Wells | 01.23. 2022
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John 1:35-42 (English Standard Version)

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

“35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39 He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). 42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).”

- Jesus not only saw who Simon WAS – but who Simon WOULD BECOME.
- Cephas in Aramaic, Peter in Greek – Means ROCK or STONE
- Peter is not portrayed as “rock solid” in the gospels, but over time, Jesus would develop Peter into an immovable, dependable cornerstone upon which He would build His church. (**Matthew 16:18**)

In the book of Acts – Peter’s role as “the rock” would clearly be seen.

- Read **Luke 22:54-62** and **Acts 2:14-41**—Compare Peter from each passage.

Based upon what we have learned today, what conclusion can we draw about ourselves when it comes to our identity & potential in Christ?

- (hint: who we are today vs. who God knows we will become in the future)

Share with the group or your family a testimony that relates to this topic.

- Maybe you have an example of a time you did not see or realize who you would become but God clearly knew and was preparing you for your future role.
- Maybe you have an example of a time you were able to see the potential in someone else. (your child, a spouse, family member, friend, neighbor, coworker, Small Group member, student, etc.)