

John 1:29-42

Andrew had heard the testimony of John the Baptist and had begun to follow Jesus. He then had the opportunity to spend a day with Jesus (v. 39). He discovered through John's testimony and his own personal experience that Jesus was the promised Messiah. Today's Scripture tells us that the first thing that Andrew does when he realizes Jesus' identity is to go and find his brother, Simon. He is so excited about meeting Jesus that he cannot wait to introduce his brother to him. When Andrew finds Simon, he tells him of his startling discovery about Jesus. It is important to note that Andrew witnesses to his brother by telling him what he had learned. There is a verbal aspect of witnessing. We are all called to tell others what we have experienced with Christ. Next, the text tells us that Andrew brings Simon to Jesus (v. 42). God used Andrew as part of the process of Simon's meeting Jesus. God works through people and depends upon them to help introduce others to Jesus.

As I think about this, I am aware of a long list of people that God has used to impact my spiritual life. My mother, grandmother, youth leaders, pastors, and friends have all been used by God to help bring me to Jesus. Some brought me to Jesus by their example. Others impacted my faith through simply spending time with me. Still others influenced my walk with Christ by teaching God's Word and by telling me how God had worked in their lives. Like Andrew, as followers of Jesus, it is part of our calling to bring others to Jesus.

Who are the people God has used to impact your spiritual life? Be sure and thank God for them.

Jesus, continue to work in my life and give me both awareness and openness to be used by You to impact others for Your Kingdom. Amen.

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