

# I Have Decided 2

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**Matthew 4:19-20** – <sup>19</sup> "**Come, follow me,**" Jesus said, "**and I will make you** fishers of men." <sup>20</sup> **At once** they left their nets and **followed him**.

**On the other side of following Jesus is a:**

- New life – His life lived in and through you!
  - I WILL MAKE YOU!
- New purpose
  - FISHERS OF MEN – He uses you!
- Restoration of all things broken

**Following after Jesus requires “The Great Exchange.”**

- His life for your life – His Cross
- Your life yielded to Him – Your Cross

**HIS CROSS brought Him death. YOUR CROSS brings you life.**

**John 12:25-26** – <sup>25</sup> The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me **must follow me**; and where I am, my servant also will be. **My Father will honor the one who serves me.**

**Acts 8:34-40**

**Phillip leaves the city-wide meeting in Samaria, as directed by an angel.**

**The Angel tells him to:**

- Go to the Jerusalem – Gaza Road
- Join himself to a man riding a chariot.
  - Ethiopian official
  - Served over all the treasury of Queen Candace
  - Had come to Jerusalem to worship
  - Was reading the scripture

**Phillip asks him, “Do you understand what you are reading?”**

He was reading Isaiah’s prophecy about Jesus

**Acts 8:34-40** – <sup>34</sup> So the Ethiopian answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of who does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" <sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. <sup>36</sup> Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the Ethiopian said, "See, here is water. **What hinders me from being baptized?**" <sup>37</sup> Then Philip said, "If you believe with all

your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." <sup>38</sup> So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the Ethiopian went down into the water, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup> Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the Ethiopian saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.

**What hinders you and me from FOLLOWING JESUS INTO:**

- Being baptized?
- Doing marriage God's way?
- How you handle your money?
- How you raise your children?
- How you treat people?
- What you do in everyday life?

**Philippians 3:7-8** – <sup>7</sup> But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider everything a loss **compared** to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ.