

“A Year with Jesus”
Week 2, January 10th, Matthew 4:18-22

// For many of our significant relationships in life we can often remember their beginnings. The first time you met. The important steps or stages in the relationship’s development. Choose one of those relationships in your life and remember its beginnings.

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Place yourself in the passage as one of the named disciples and imagine the scene, including the moment Jesus calls you.

Imagining the Scene

Throughout the year you will be asked to place yourself in a Biblical story and imagine the scene. This is not a simple tangent on the way to deeper questions in the devotion. In some instances, it will be the bulk of the time you spend with God. Put this discipline into practice. When asked, sit with the story, put yourself in the place of a character or as a bystander, use all your senses, and most importantly, interact with Jesus as the characters would, allowing him to ask you the questions he asks and receive what he offers. As you grow in this practice you might find that God speaks to your heart and opens your eyes most clearly in these moments.

//Get into a comfortable place and read the following instructions. When you are ready, spend time in the quiet with this exercise, and gratefully remember.

Remember the time(s) when Jesus called you. It could be any invitation. The first time you recognized his call on your life. A significant moment of calling you into relationship, or deeper relationship. A turning point, or something new. It does not have to be a single moment, in fact, allow yourself to move through your life and bring to mind the invitations Jesus has offered.

As you do this, don’t simply remember it like a list, spend time in the remembering. Revisit and take in the moment. Ask questions like why was the connection made? What made it so significant? Are you seeing anything now that you might not have recognized at the time?

Enjoy this time of interacting with God as you remember the beginnings and significant moments in your relationship, and then write your thoughts and thanks to God.

Look back on this time and your writings throughout the year. These memories can form the basis for stories you share with others about Jesus.