HOLY SPIRIT: A DIFFERENCE MAKER

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I. Holy Spirit Makes a Difference:

- A. **Position**
- B. **Power**
- C. Patience

II. Holy Spirit convicts (convinces) us of:

- 1. Sin Leads us away from death to life
- 2. **Righteousness** Convinces me of my identity in Him
- 3. Judgment Convinces me of my authority

III. Holy Spirit: A Difference Maker in your Priorities

IV. Matt 4:18-20 - Peter called

- A. **Follow Me** God does the calling we do the following
 - 1. Calling gives you access, opportunity to respond, opens the door
 - 2. <u>Matt 22:14</u> 14 "For many are called, but few are chosen."
- B. Follow Me and I will make you My job is following, His job is making
 - 1. In the pursuit of Me it will change you! The process of following Him will lead to a changed you!

C. <u>V20</u> - Immediately left their nets and followed Him

- 1. <u>Immediately</u> *eutheos* Directly, at once
 - a) Immediate impact and effect. Something changed.
- 2. <u>Left</u> *aphiemi* To leave to someone else, cease, stop, move away from
 - a) Who/What are you willing to leave? What is your response to His call?
- 3. Left their nets Came with Jesus EMPTY-HANDED
 - a) Fish Income (Family Business), career, identity
 - b) Leave what is comfortable and familiar to follow something that is uncertain and foreign.
 - c) A true call will make you leave your nets!
- 4. **Followed Him** An immediate response led to a gradual change
 - a) <u>**2 Peter 1:5-9**</u> Follow me and I will "make" you
- V. <u>Peter's Process of Following</u> Moments of boldness, fear, certainty and confusion
 - A. Moments of Boldness and Certainty:
 - 1. Feeding 5,000, Mount of Transfiguration, Fish and a coin, Walking on the water, You are the Christ, Boasts, I will not deny you. Cutting off the ear of the guard in the garden
 - B. Moments of Fear and Confusion:

- 1. Rebuked by Jesus, Jesus asked him to pray with Him and he kept falling asleep.
- 2. Jesus arrested and he "follows from a distance"
- 3. Denies knowing Jesus 3 times
- VI. John 21 Moments of Confusion
 - A. "I am going fishing!"
 - 1. Comfortable and familiar
 - B. Simon, do you love Me more than these?
 - 1. Love requires a choice!

VII. Holy Spirit: A Difference maker in your Priorities

- A. <u>Acts 2:1-4</u> All filled with the Holy Spirit
- B. Stood up and raised his voice to preach Jesus was both LORD and Christ.
- C. Peter never went fishing again.