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Learning From Simon Peter - Matt.4: 18-22

I. Introduction:

1. Followership is a normal process of life - we all follow someone
2. Followership is a matter of invitation
3. Followership is a matter of interest and choice
4. Followership is a matter of training and learning
 - i. A process that involves teaching - **Matt.4: 23**
 - ii. Asking questions - **Matt.13: 10-11; 17: 10-13, 19-21; 15: 15-20; 16: 6-12.**
 - iii. Correction - **Jn.18: 10-11; 21: 15-19.**
 - iv. Hard/harsh words, rebuke and chastisement - **Jn.6: 60-62, 65-68; Matt.16: 22-23.**
 - v. Praise & Encouragement - **Matt.16: 13-20; 17: 19.**
5. Followership is a matter of relationship
 - i. Leader/Follower Relationship
 - ii. Master/Servant Relationship
 - iii. Discippler/Disciple Relationship
 - iv. Marriage, Partnership or Just Friends

II. The Invitation to Follow Jesus:

1. The general invitation is for all - **Matt.11: 28; Jn.3: 16.**
2. The exclusive choice - but only few are chosen - **Matt.22: 14.** Why?
 - i. From The Follower's Angle - His disposition, interest and preferences will always affect his choice (of who to follow)
 - ii. The Leader's Angle - His disposition, vision, aims and objectives determines his choice

III. The Benefits & Rewards of Following Jesus:

Nobody does anything if it has no benefits - even smoking

1. Freedom from Satan, sin, sickness, sorrow and shame - **Matt.11: 28.**

2. Unlimited Access to Jesus, His word and blessings - **Mk.3: 14.**
3. Representation - The ultimate benefit of following a leader is to be like him and to represent him. Imagine Peter eventually on the Day of Pentecost. Pray for your own Day of Pentecost also! - **Mk.3: 14; Matt.10: 25a.**
4. Meaningful earthly life - **Jn.10: 10.**
5. Ultimate rest and reward in heaven - **Matt.19: 27-29.**

Conclusion:

Jesus is still calling men today - **Matt.11: 28-30; Eph.4: 11.**

Will you answer His call?