

## "PREPARED FOR DESTINY II"

Mark 1:16-20

Texas church shooting: Keith Kinnunen shot the shooter with 1 shot in the head: My training kicked in, and I did what I was trained to do. Saved people's lives. Prepared: Made ready in advance. Destiny hinges on the idea of preparation. Prepared for destiny.

### I. PREPARED FOR YOU

- A. We should not view this story as Jesus just happened to be there/just happened to see some fishermen... You'll do!
  - 1. This was planned in advance! **1 Cor 2:9** ...things God has prepared for them that love Him. Made ready in advance
    - a. Our lives are not random: God makes plans for us – even before we were born
      - 1. *Jeremiah 1:5* ... before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."
  - 2. This gives us dignity: You matter! Your life has meaning!
  - 3. This also gives responsibility: We should find out what God has planned for our lives
    - a. *1 Samuel 3:9* say Speak Lord, for servant is listening...
      - 1. One of the important tasks of conference: *Speak to me and show me Your will*
- B. God prepares plans for us to make impact on other people **V17** fishers of men...
  - 1. Life is all about other people: That's the only way it works well
    - a. You will be unsatisfied, empty and displeasing to God if you live only for yourself
  - 2. God may have larger plans for you impacting other people: Not just a side-gig/occasional event
    - a. Fishers of men: Catching people for God/Drawing people to God
      - 1. That will change their lives: On this earth – set free/transformed/families
      - 2. In eternity: People missing hell/spending eternity in heaven – because of you!
  - 3. Calling makes your life larger than it would be by yourself
    - a. *Peter: 3,000 people in 1 altar call; Opening the door to Gentiles/non-Jews; Vs. I made some money and bought some stuff*

### II. PREPARING YOURSELF

- A. God's plans are potential of what can be – not what will automatically be
  - 1. We are required to act in line with what God has prepared for us
    - a. *V18 they left their nets and followed him ... b. V20 they left their father in the boat and went after him*
      - 1. Followed/went after are direction words: I aim my life at what God has prepared for me!
- B. They were preparing themselves to follow what God had prepared for them
  - 1. **There are things you must do in advance!** You don't start when you go out!
    - a. *I should learn to pray/witness/work with people/give/budget/take dominion...now, not later!*
      - 1. If you only start doing that when you go out: You're making it so much harder!
  - 2. **The time to start is now:** *V18 immediately they left their nets...*
    - a. The mistake is thinking *I will someday/after I do all these other things...* Often we don't
    - b. Act while you are stirred – before the impulse fades
  - 3. **The only approach is all in:** Dabbling doesn't work well
    - a. Whatever it takes: *V18 their nets V20 father/boat/servants*
  - 4. **Preparing yourself is individual:** Simon/Andrew – nets James/John – father/boat/servants
    - a. You have to ask God/honestly examine your life & determine what needs to change

### III. PREPARED BY GOD

- A. For many the call strikes terror into their heart: They focus on themselves
  - 1. *I could never do that/I'm not like him/I don't have that ability/I'm shy*
    - a. *Exodus 4:10* But Moses pleaded with the LORD, "O Lord, I'm just not a good speaker. I never have been, and I'm not now, even after you have spoken to me. I'm clumsy with words."
- B. Promise here: God will make us able to do His will
  - 1. The one who calls you will give supernatural ability to fulfill the calling
    - a. *Mark 1:17* Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."
  - 2. Make: To be the author or the cause of something – God's ability/wisdom/power!
    - a. Supply what you lack/what's missing b. Remove what would stop you from being able
      - 1. *Whom God calls, He equips*
  - 3. One of the great thrills of life is experiencing the help of God – making you able to do something
    - a. *First miracle – leg grew out! b. First word of knowledge! c. First converts domestic d. Revival in foreign country*
  - 4. God has planned things for you: *What is it? Who is it? Where is it?*