Dare To Be Like Andrew

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Text: John 1:35-42

### Intro

1. There are those in life that lead and influence, and others that influence the leaders.
	1. Perhaps many of us are where we are because of the influence by someone else.
	2. Many times those that influence others take a back seat to the other’s abilities and deeds.
	3. Andrew the Apostle, brother of Peter is such a person.
2. Influence:
	1. “The capacity or power of persons or things to produce effects on others by intangible or indirect means” (Webster).
3. Andrew (Greek = “Manly”) was an apostle and “Peter’s brother” – he knew Jesus first and brought Peter to Him!
	1. From what is recorded, Andrew never resented Peter the prominent place he attained.
4. Dare to be like Andrew and realize you may never know what great deeds can be accomplished by your influence on others!

#### Andrew, the Brother of Peter

* 1. John 1:35-42: Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist and then followed Jesus.
		1. Andrew brought his brother Peter to Jesus, and at that time Jesus changed his name from Simon to Peter (Cephas).
	2. Jn. 1:44: He was born in Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee, “the city of Andrew and Peter.”
	3. Mt. 4:18: Andrew was Peter’s brother, and also a fisherman *(Mk. 1:16)*
		1. Both were called by Jesus! (Mt. 4:18: “them” & “fishers”)
	4. Mk. 1:21, 29: He lived in a house with Peter’s family (wife and mother-in-law) in Capernaum.
	5. Mt. 10:2-4: Andrew was an apostle of Jesus, and is always listed with the first four.
	6. Acts 1:13; 2:1: Andrew was there in the upper room and on the Day of Pentecost with the apostles.
	7. Application:
		1. After coming to know Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and the Lamb of God Who died to wash away your sins, who is/was the first person you want to tell?
		2. The Samaritan woman at the well told her whole village, and when they came out to meet Jesus they came to know Him as the “Savior of the world” (John 4:28-30, 39-42)
	8. Dare to be like Andrew, who had a strong faith and brought his brother to Jesus!

#### Andrew’s Conviction

* 1. John 1:35-39: Andrew heard John the Baptist call Jesus, “The Lamb of God!”
		1. Andrew and his unnamed companion believed John the Baptist and followed Jesus.
		2. They asked to stay with Jesus and stayed with Him that day.
		3. They believed Jesus was the “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” – Jn. 1:29
		4. Jesus came to save the world from sin – Eph. 1:7
		5. Andrew believed in and was not afraid to confess Him – Jn. 1:40-41; *Jn. 12:42*
	2. Jn. 1:40-41: “We have found the Messiah!”
		1. Before Peter’s confession of faith in Mt. 16:16 that Jesus is “the Christ,” Andrew declared to Peter that he had found the Messiah (Christ)!
		2. The One whom Moses *(Deut. 18:18-19)* and the prophets foretold – cf. John 1:45: Philip’s similar declaration.
		3. Isaiah called Him the Suffering Servant (Is. 53) and He would save the world.
		4. Andrew believed in and confessed Jesus as the Christ and brought his brother Peter to Him!
		5. His conviction had him also leave the fishing business with his brother to follow Jesus (Mt. 4:18).
	3. Application:
		1. Talk about Jesus; confess Him to your friends and family.
		2. Invite a family member to services or to a Bible study with you!
		3. Use an Invitation Card or just a time and address to the next study opportunity!
	4. Dare to be like Andrew and have strong convictions to follow Jesus and bring others to Him!

#### Andrew’s Conduct

* 1. John 1:40-42: He was convinced Jesus was the Christ so brought Peter to Him!
		1. Could not have known what a “pillar” Peter would become – *Gal. 2:9*
		2. Peter was given the “keys of the kingdom” – *Mt. 16:17-19*
		3. Peter preached the first recorded gospel sermon that saved 3,000 people on the Day of Pentecost – *Acts 2 (2:14: “with the eleven,” Andrew was there!)*
		4. Peter opened the door of the kingdom to the Gentiles – *Acts 10*
		5. Peter wrote two epistles encouraging faith and hope in Christ.
		6. All because Andrew brought him to Jesus!
	2. *Jn. 6:4-14:* Andrew identified the lad who had the “five barley loaves and two fish.”
		1. In bringing the lad to Christ, Jesus used what he had to feed over 5,000 people and solve the problem of the apostles (Mk. 6:37), who didn’t know what to do.
		2. Jesus demonstrated His deity, His love for man, and concern for man’s needs.
	3. Jn. 12:20-22: When Greeks came to see Jesus, it was Andrew who told Jesus.
		1. The Greeks came to Philip (perhaps because of his Greek name), who then told Andrew, and then they both went to Jesus.
		2. Andrew was a man who brought others to Jesus!
	4. Acts 1:13; 2:1-4: He was numbered with the apostles on Pentecost.
		1. He too was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues and preached to the multitudes! (Acts 2:7-11, 14)
		2. The last time we see Andrew in the Scriptures he is doing what he loved to do: Telling others of Jesus!
	5. Application:
		1. Be excited to tell others about the foretold Messiah!
		2. Bring others to know Jesus, the “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29)
		3. Invite strangers to services or to a Bible study with you!
		4. Use an Invitation Card or just a time and address to the next study opportunity!
	6. Dare to be like Andrew and bring others to know Jesus Christ!

## Conclusion

1. As little as we know of Andrew, his actions speak volumes about his service for Christ.
	1. Every time we see him in the Gospels, he was bringing someone to Christ!
	2. He was one that influenced others to serve Christ.
	3. He brought men to Jesus, knowing He was the Messiah (Christ)!
	4. He didn’t resent the second seat to Peter.
2. Like others he took a back seat to the leadership of those he influenced and didn’t complain.
	1. *Think:* Bette Midler’s 1988 *Wind Beneath My Wings* about the person in the shadows content to let the singer have the spotlight.
	2. Joseph – *Gen. 41:39-43*
		1. He was content to ride the “second chariot” – didn’t aspire to the #1 spot.
		2. He filled his role and saved many!
	3. Benaiah – *II Sam. 20:23; 23:20-23*
		1. He was a Mighty Man and was over David’s bodyguards, and although honored among the thirty, “he did not attain to the three.”
		2. He was passed over as general, which went to Joab (not a Mighty Man).
		3. He was faithful to David all David’s life and even served his son – *I Kings 1*
		4. It was under King Solomon that he became General – I Kings 2:35
3. Andrew in many ways was honored among the apostles (listed in top four), but “he did not attain to the three.” (Mk. 13:3-4: In group of 4 that questioned Jesus privately)
	1. *Mt. 17:1-8:* Jesus took Peter, James and John with Him at the Transfiguration.
	2. *Mk. 5:37-43:* Jesus took Peter, James and John with Him to raise Jairus’ daughter.
	3. *Mk. 14:32-33:* Jesus took Peter, James and John to the Garden of Gethsemane.
	4. Not told why Andrew was not invited to these occasions, but we don’t see any jealousy or complaint from Andrew, but he filled the role he was given!
4. Secular writings record that he preached to Russia and other places (Eusebius, A.D. 260-340, in his *Church History, Book III),* and was crucified on an “X” shaped cross in Patras, Greece (John Foxe’s *Book of Martyrs, A.D. 1563).*
	1. <https://www.biblestudytools.com/history/foxs-book-of-martyrs/>
	2. [https://www.documentacatholicaomnia.eu/03d/0265-0339,\_Eusebius\_Caesariensis,\_Church\_History,\_EN.pdf](https://www.documentacatholicaomnia.eu/03d/0265-0339%2C_Eusebius_Caesariensis%2C_Church_History%2C_EN.pdf)
	3. <https://takingupspace.wordpress.com/2007/01/22/the-story-of-the-crucifixion-of-andrew-the-apostle-adapted-from-foxes-book-of-martyrs/>
	4. The “X”-shaped cross became known as “Andrew’s Cross” (also known as a “saltire”) and is the shape on the Scottish National Flag, as well as many others.
5. Andrew was a man that brought people to Christ (the positive influence behind their faith)!
6. We may not know what great deeds someone will accomplish for Christ, but we need to introduce them! *(Like the Sower, sow the seed: you don’t know their heart – Mt. 13:18-23)*
7. ***Dare to be like Andrew and bring others to Christ!***
8. If you are not a Christian, you need to be. Repent and be baptized into His name!
9. If a Christian in error, don’t wait till it’s eternally too late. Repent and be renewed!
10. Whatever your requests, let them be made known ***NOW*** while we stand and sing!