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The Discipleship Framework

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See: The Light in the Dark

Jesus begins by moving into areas described as "dwelling in darkness" to be their "great light" (Matthew 4:16).

Look at your school or social circles—where do you see "darkness" like loneliness, bullying, or hopelessness? Discipleship starts by seeing people the way Jesus does.

Think: Rethink Your Purpose

Jesus told them, "I will send you out to fish for people" (Matthew 4:19). He didn't ask them to stop being themselves; he asked them to rethink their skills for a higher purpose.

Challenge yourself to ask *why* Jesus did what he did, not just *what* he did. How can your specific talents—gaming, art, sports, or listening—be used to "catch" people for God's kingdom?

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Hear: The Immediate Call

Jesus' message was simple: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near" (Matthew 4:17). When he called the fishermen, they heard and responded "immediately".

Discern the "voice" of Jesus in your life through Bible study and prayer. It's about listening for that nudge to act right now, not just when it's convenient.

Do: Leave and Follow

The disciples "left their nets" and "left the boat" (Matthew 4:20, 22). True discipleship requires active movement—Jesus went throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming, and healing.

Doing means taking the risk to serve others and share the hope you have. It might mean "leaving" behind a certain reputation or a comfortable habit to follow where Jesus leads

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