

When Jesus said, "Follow me", the fishing nets that the fishermen dropped were their livelihood. The nets stood for everything they were and everything they had. Simon and Andrew, James and John chose to follow Jesus, and for what? Jesus as a man was simply a carpenter from a rural town in Galilee. He did not promise them riches or fame, simply that they would be like Him, fishers of men. Did they know what that even meant? There must have been something else that captivated these men, something in Jesus that captivated their souls and gave them a new hope. Andrew told Peter and Philip told Nathaniel and Nathanael put into words what they all knew in their hearts. "You are the Son of God, you are the king of Israel." They all knew that Jesus the Messiah was not simply human but divine; sent by God for humanity's salvation as the scriptures had foretold. Now isn't that worth giving up everything for?

*They left their nets and followed Him.*

*For my hope is in Him*

Today God calls us to follow him, but how do we hear his voice in this incredibly noisy world, where a thousand prophets call us to believe and to follow them. What makes Jesus and His way any different? King David, in Psalm 62, says, "For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him, ... trust him at all times."

How can we know that God will be our strength, our salvation and our fortress, if at first we do not trust Him; and what is trust if we do not put down our confidence in everything around us and follow Jesus alone. It is Jesus that shows us what David knew; that the steadfast love of God is our sustenance. We are not excluded from trouble and trials, but as we walk, trusting in our Father, so He grows our trust. Look at who David says is the one who gives us our faith. David knew that our own strength, or the things we have are futile. This is why he says, "For my hope is from Him."