

# John 1:37

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

## Analysis

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The two disciples 'heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.' Faith comes by hearing (Romans 10:17). John's testimony produced immediate response—they followed. The verb 'akoloutheo' (followed) indicates more than physical movement; it implies discipleship, commitment to follow a teacher. These disciples demonstrate the proper response to gospel testimony—hearing leads to following. The simplicity is instructive: they heard, they responded, they followed.

## Historical Context

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These two disciples represent the first fruits of Christian discipleship. Andrew is named (verse 40); the unnamed disciple is traditionally identified as John the Evangelist himself. Their willingness to leave their current teacher and follow Jesus based on testimony shows remarkable spiritual sensitivity and readiness.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. What testimony about Christ first drew you to follow Him?
2. How does hearing lead to following in the process of becoming a disciple?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ ἤκουσαν αὐτοῦ οἱ δύο μαθηταὶ λαλοῦντος καὶ  
**And** **heard** **him** G3588 **the two** **disciples** **speak** **And**  
G2532 G191 G846 G1417 G3101 G2980 G2532

ἠκολούθησαν τῷ Ἰησοῦ  
**they followed** G3588 **Jesus**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Romans 10:17** (Parallel theme): So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**John 1:43** (References Jesus): The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.

**Revelation 22:17** (Parallel theme): And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

**Zechariah 8:21** (Parallel theme): And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also.