

John 1:40

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

Analysis

Andrew is identified as 'Simon Peter's brother'—John assumes his readers know Peter's prominence. Andrew immediately goes to find his brother, demonstrating the evangelistic impulse of genuine conversion—those who find Christ want others to find Him too. Family evangelism often proves most effective and challenging. Andrew's quiet, consistent ministry of bringing others to Jesus (also John 6:8-9, 12:22) models faithful witness.

Historical Context

Andrew appears in the synoptic Gospels as one of the first four disciples called. His role as bridge-builder—bringing Peter, the boy with loaves and fish, and Greek seekers to Jesus—shows faithful behind-the-scenes ministry. Church tradition holds that Andrew later ministered in Greece and was martyred on an X-shaped cross.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. Who in your family or close relationships needs you to be their Andrew, bringing them to Jesus?
2. How does Andrew's quiet faithfulness challenge more prominent ministry models?

Interlinear Text

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