

Mark 1:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him.

Analysis

Straightway they forsook nets and followed. Forsook means abandon release. They left everything at Jesus word. Nets represented livelihood security identity. Followed becomes technical for discipleship committing to Lord. Radical obedience illustrates saving faith wholehearted surrender. Reformed theology emphasizes true conversion produces transformation in reprioritization and sacrificing earthly security for Christ. Disciples response was Spirit-enabled effectual calling produces willing obedience.

Historical Context

Immediate response seems remarkable until recognizing Peter and Andrew likely had previous encounters (John 1:35-42). Mark compressed narrative focuses on authoritative call. Abandoning profitable fishing remained costly. First-century discipleship involved students approaching rabbis with fees. Jesus reversed this called disciples provided for them. Pattern appears repeatedly (1:20 2:14) demonstrating compelling authority. Early church expected radical response conversion meant turning from old life.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. What nets is Jesus calling you to abandon?
2. How does immediate obedience challenge negotiating discipleship terms?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	εὐθέως	ἀφέντες	τὰ	δίκτυα	αὐτῷ	ἠκολούθησαν
And	straightway	they forsook	G3588	nets	him	and followed
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Additional Cross-References

Luke 5:11 (Parallel theme): And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

Luke 14:33 (Parallel theme): So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.