

**Background**

Andrew was a native of Galilee, born in Bethsaida. He was living in Capernaum when he met Jesus. He was partners with his brother Peter in the Fishing Business. They actually owned a house together. (Mark 1:29).

Like many sets of brothers, Peter and Andrew had very different personalities. Peter was emotional, unpredictable, and pushy at times. Andrew, it seems was the exact opposite. Andrew lived in the shadow of his brother, yet he never gave an indication that he was resentful. It seems he understood his role, and accepted it and was faithful in it. Other than the lists of the apostles, Andrew is only mentioned nine times in the New Testament. Yet within those mentions we read three different events where he brought people to Jesus. He had a heart for the spiritual needs of others.

**His Conversion.** John 1:35-40

Andrew had undoubtedly been baptized by John the Baptist and in this passage, we read that he heard the pronouncement that Jesus was the Lamb of God. (vs. 36) Upon hearing this pronouncement, Andrew and probably John brother of James followed Jesus. Andrew and John of the original twelve were the first to be called by and believe in Jesus. The early church referred to Andrew as *Protoclete* or First Called. After meeting Jesus, he went back to his fishing business, travelling with Jesus from time to time until he was called to full-time ministry. (Matt. 4:19)

**Andrew: His Personal Work.**

The scriptures that tell us about Andrew show us his emphasis on working with individuals. Bringing people directly to Jesus. His brother Peter would preach on Pentecost and reach thousands, but it was Andrew who believed in Jesus first, and immediately went and witnessed to His brother.

**Andrew and Peter** John 1:41-42

When we hear good news, we immediately want to tell others. For the Jews they were waiting for Messiah to come, and Andrew first went and told his brother that they had found him. Peter must have respected his brother to believe what he was saying enough to follow.

True missionary work begins at home. Witnessing of Jesus to relatives may be the most difficult.

What do you think are some of the difficulties of telling relatives about Jesus?

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Mark 6:1-5

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What are some solutions to this?

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1 Peter 3:1-2

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**Andrew and a Boy with a lunch.** John 6:1-11

Andrew connected with people. How he came to know the boy we do not know. But Andrew saw with eyes of faith, and as a result this boy would be a first-hand witness to a miracle. One which showed what Jesus can do with just a little. *Little is much when God is in it.*

Do you have any testimonies of when God used something very small: a kind word, a deed an offering that resulted in big things?

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Luke 13:18-20

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**Andrew and the Greeks.** John 12:20-33

People were comfortable talking with Andrew and he was approachable. Friendliness can go a long way in leading someone to Jesus. When the Greeks came to Philip (who had a Greek name) he didn't know what to do. We don't know why Philip didn't take them to the other three, Peter James and John, other than they were a bit hotheaded. Andrew seems to be the most approachable of the two sets of brothers and He knew what to do. He did what he had a reputation for doing, introduce them to Jesus. Maybe he remembered the words of Jesus:

John 6:35-40

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To the Jews, anyone who was not a Jew was a Barbarian. Andrew was risking a part of his reputation by bringing these men to Jesus. But as he did, he became the first of the twelve to bring a non-jew to meet Jesus. The Kingdom of God is about relationships. Its about loving God and loving our neighbor. We do not know how those Greeks responded but we do know they heard Jesus speak of his death on the cross. And that through the cross he would draw all people to himself.

Andrew was living his life after the pattern of Jesus' words. John 12:23-26

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What is challenging about relationship Evangelism?

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Of the disciples we have studied thus far, is there one you most admire? Why?

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