DIVINELY APPOINTED

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The four fishermen: Peter, his brother Andrew, James and John, sons of Zebedee were divinely appointed by Jesus to catch men. They immediately followed Him leaving their boats/nets and families (Mk. 1:16-20). They were extremely attracted to Jesus that completely changed the course of their lives. Our Elder-Founder, Sis Techie (Sor) whose life was transformed in 1980 was divinely appointed by God. She has become a woman of faith because she believes great things are possible with God. On our end, our sovereign God wants us to be appointed too. If we let ourselves be open and willing to follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit who will lead and guide us, we are best suited to serve Him.

To imitate Christ, we should do the following salvific acts:

- 1. Fishers of men. We should be soul winners by sharing the gospel to those who do not know Jesus. We should be imitators of the Lord (I Thess. 1:6). He left heaven and His divinity to be with His people. He ate with them at the wedding in Cana, mingled with tax collectors, and ultimately was nailed on the cross after his evangelization mission. Similarly, missionaries are examples of evangelization since they have left their homes/families and comforts to introduce Jesus' gospel to others (Mt.19:29). As Christians, we can start evangelizing (fishing/catching) in our neighborhood, family, friends and even strangers.
- 2. Fishing at night. We live in a polluted and troubled world full of sins and evil although God had made man upright. There are people who are still in darkness and "sin sick". We need to be reconciled with God thru Jesus. Moreover, fish is best caught at night by using bait and light attracts them. In the same way, let our light shine before the people who are in darkness, so they can see the goodness of God in us.

- **3.** A call for noble fellowship. *Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men, (Mt. 4:19) During Jesus time, he sent disciples two by two to support each other and to work together for God (1 Cor. 3: 9).
- 4. A call to evangelize. Evangelization is exhorting and preaching the Good News of our Lord Jesus. Let us bring Jesus with us and make Him the center of our conversation. Moreover, we should pray hard so that the Holy Spirit will provide the words since God has given us the spirit of power, love and self-control (2 Tim. 1:7). Furthermore, evangelization is telling our own story, that is, what Jesus had done for us. Let us convince them to experience the love of God in their life.
- **5. Inflict others with the love of God.** Be an influencer living a godly-life so that others can emulate us. Allow them to share their stories too and listen attentively to feel their pain and joy.

What makes a community evangelistic?

If a member leads/brings one to the community in a year then evangelization works.

Who are contagious believers?

If you are INFECTIOUS FOR JESUS, you become a model of faith which has impacted others like the Thessalonians and Philippians. They became models because their faith sounded forth throughout the region.

Conclusion:

Let us all be contagious believers. Spread God's grace and truth to leave glorious marks on the lives we have touched.

Reflection:

- 1. When were you divinely appointed by God?
- 2. Is it possible to bring one seeker in the community for a year? Or more is better?

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