

Anatomy of a life well lived

“Jesus called out to them, ‘Come, be My disciples, and I will show you how to fish for people!’ And they left their nets at once and went with Him. A little farther up the shore He saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, mending their nets. And He called them to come, too. They immediately followed Him, leaving the boat and their father behind.” Matthew 4:19-22 (NLT)

□ They followed Jesus...

□ They learned along the way...

“Jesus traveled throughout Galilee teaching in the synagogues, preaching everywhere the Good News about the Kingdom...News about Him spread far beyond the borders of Galilee...Large crowds followed Him wherever He went...” Matthew 4:23-25 (NLT)

□ They experienced exciting times...

□ They experienced difficult times...

□ They obeyed His instructions...

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□ They were rewarded...

“This is a large work I’ve called you into, but don’t be overwhelmed by it. It’s best to start small. And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of My followers, you will surely be rewarded.” Matthew 10:41 (Msg), 10:42 (NLT)

Pursuing a life well lived

1. Replace convenience with OBEDIENCE

“He (Jesus) replied, ‘But even more blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice.’” Luke 11:28 (NLT)

“[Jesus said] ‘If you love Me, obey My commandments.’” John 14:15 (NLT)

“Loving God means keeping His commandments, and really, that isn’t difficult.”
1 John 5:3 (NLT)

“Merely hearing God’s law is a waste of your time if you don’t do what He commands. Doing, not hearing, is what makes the difference with God.”
Romans 2:13 (Msg)

2. Put yourself in SCARY SITUATIONS

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3. Believe you can MAKE A DIFFERENCE

“[Jesus said] ‘You don’t need a lot of equipment—you are the equipment.’”
Matthew 10:10 (Msg)

Your definition of “a life well lived” may need to be “RUINED” by the ONE who has far better rewards for those follow Him.