

ANDREW

Scripture Reading: John 1:35-42; 6:1-14; 12:20-26

Meaning of Name:

Andrew's name is Greek. It means "manliness."

Lesson Goals:

- 1) To help you understand that God uses ordinary people.
(1 Cor 1:26-29)
- 2) To understand the importance of playing "second fiddle"
- 3) Practical lessons on winning others to Christ

I. Andrew, the Saint

You have probably haven't heard of "Saint Andrew."

So, what is a saint?

A saint is not a super Christian, nor a Christian who has died and gone on to be with the Lord.

Every believer is a saint (II Thessalonians 1:10) *When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.*

Paul used the term saint quite often.

(Jn 1:35-40) Andrew had been listening to John the Baptist preach.

John Said "*Behold the Lamb of God.*"

He presented Jesus as God's sacrifice for sin.

As a result, Andrew trusted Christ.

Therefore, Andrew became a saint.

Illustration:

A little boy was sitting in church with his momma. He noticed the Stained windows and the images of people on them. He asked, "Who are those people?" Mother answered, "They are the saints." Then he said, "So a saint is the one who lets the light shine in."

There's truth in that.

We, as believers, are the light of the world.

II. Andrew, the Second Fiddler

What is a "second fiddler"?

He is the man behind the scenes.

A. Andrew had a popular brother named Peter

He was always referred to as Simon Peter's brother.

(John 6:8)

List of the disciples, Peter's name always appears 1st.

In reality, it was Andrew who found Christ first.

He brought his brother, Peter, to Christ (John 1:35-42)

Peter's name is found throughout the New Testament.

He wrote epistles, preached sermons, and had over

3,000 converts on the day of Pentecost.

Yet, Andrew is only mentioned 3 times in the Gospels.

B. Playing second fiddler is important

If Andrew had not been behind the scenes there might never had been a disciple named Peter.

Illustration: Who led ...

Charles H. Spurgeon - Robert Eaglen - Layman
Dwight Moody - SS teacher Edward Kimball
Billy Graham - Mordecai Ham

C. 2nd fiddler isn't a lower position in God's sight

If God wants you to play 2nd fiddle, you would have to step down to play first fiddle

D. If God wants you to play 2nd fiddle, do it well.

Don't grumble about it. (Ecc 9:10) *Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might;*
The most instrument in the church is 2nd fiddle.

III. Andrew, the Soul Winner

Andrew is mentioned only 3 times in the Gospels, & each time he is Bringing someone to Christ:

(John 1:42) - Brings his brother

(John 6:8-9) - Brings the little lad

(John 12:20-22) - Brings the Greeks

A. He was sure of his own salvation

(John 1:41) "We have found the Messias."

There was no doubt that he knew he was saved.

You cannot be successful leading others to Christ if you are not sure of your own salvation.

B. He went first to his loved ones

(John 1:41) - "He first findeth his own brother."

C. He went after a difficult case

Peter was loud and aggressive.

Most people would consider him a difficult case. However, difficult people can be lead to the Lord. They make great Christians in many cases.

D. He brought Peter to Jesus

Doctrine is great to know and share, but our first goal is to bring men to JESUS.

E. He was tactful in his approach

He did not boast to Peter that he had found the Lord first. He humbly shared Christ with his brother.

F. He was friendly

In John 6:9 Andrew said, "There is a lad here that hath five barley loaves and two small fishes." How did Andrew know about the lad? Andrew was mingling with the crowd and conversing with them. He was friendly to those he met. Proverbs 18:24 "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly."

G. He was a new convert

God expects everyone to witness

When does a candle give out light?

Is it when you first light it or halfway down?

God expects your light to shine the moment you are saved.

· Andrew was an ordinary man yielded to an extraordinary GOD.