



SOUTHBRIDGE  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

**Life Outside the Boat**  
Sunday, March 18, 2007  
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### **Matthew 4: 18-22 (TNIV)**

18As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” 20 At once they left their nets and followed him.

21Going on from there, he saw two other brother, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, 22and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

### **John 14:6**

Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

## **\*Three Levels of Jewish Education**

1. Bet Sefer- “House of the Book”  
Focus= Torah Age 6-10
2. Bet Talmud- “House of Learning”  
Focus= Hebrew Bible Age 10-14
3. Bet Midrash- “House of Study”  
Focus= Hands on Experience

## **\*Rabbis**

- Public Ministry of a Rabbi would begin around age 30.
- Pass on their interpretation of Scripture “YOKE”

(Source: followtherabbi.com -Ray Vanderlaan)

### **Deuteronomy 30: 11-14, 19-20**

11Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. 12It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, “Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” 13Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, “Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?” 14No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.

19This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses.

NOW CHOOSE LIFE, so that you and your children may live 20and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. FOR THE LORD IS YOUR LIFE.

### **Romans 10: 8-14, 19-20**

8But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: 9If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. 11As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” 12For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile- the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, 13“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

14How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

### Discussion Stimulation

1. How does today’s message impact my perspective of God?
2. What decisions/changes do I need to make to begin/grow in my relationship with Jesus?
3. Who are the people in my life that can help me begin/grow in my relationship with Jesus? How can they help me?
4. What impact has Christ had in my life? How can I have the same impact on others?