



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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## ***Heart to Heart...***

Andrew was the brother of Peter. He is only mentioned a total of thirteen times in the Scriptures. ***“He found first his own brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which translated means Christ).”*** (John 1:41) Andrew brought Peter to the Lord! Andrew brought a young lad with five barley loaves and two fish to Jesus (John 6:8-9) Philip came and told Andrew about some Greeks (they were proselytes to be able to enter the temple) going to worship and Andrew, along with Philip, went to Jesus about them (John 12:20-23). What I noticed was on these three occasions Andrew is bringing someone to Jesus! I realize we aren’t speaking of conversions as we would think, but Andrew was trying to get people to meet the Lord! Some may read this and think this is trivial but is it really?

Have you ever been around those who are trying to bring people to the Lord? Have you ever spent any time with them, listening to them? They are something to behold! Their convictions, their desires and willingness to share the good news of salvation reaches out and, well, exposes us! Why don’t we all do it? I don’t mean we all teach but the conviction and reality of salvation should lead us to look for opportunity to want others to share in this wonderful salvation to get them to Jesus. Sometimes we are afraid. Sometimes we aren’t sure what to say. Sometimes we don’t want to offend. Yes, these can all play a part but to what degree? People need to realize, and I am speaking of us, that our loved ones, our neighbors and people we work with are headed to eternity...ETERNITY without Jesus! Many are headed to eternity religious but without Jesus!

As a reminder for us, Andrew did not come up with some 12 step program or 7 steps to success! He wasn’t ashamed or made to feel guilty to reach out to others. He didn’t work on his relationship skills in order to communicate better. He had no idea of how to manage the wrongs of society. I am not so sure he knew exactly what he found in Jesus, but it moved his spirit and heart. He searched through a crowd looking for his brother Peter. He knew Jesus was looking for help in feeding a large crowd and eagerly offered this lad and his goods to Jesus. He wasted no time in reporting to Jesus these Greek worshipers wanting something from them. He had found the One that was faithful and loving and this One had cared deeply for his and others eternal well-being. It was all that mattered and he wanted others to share in this wonderful Messiah. Maybe, just maybe, are we missing something? Think about it!!!

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