

Where's Your Chair?

Mark 1: 14-28



He calls the heaven above, and the earth,
that he may judge his people.
Psalm 50:4

Praising:

Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
Of our life's wild restless sea,
Day by day his clear voice
soundeth,
Saying: 'Christian, follow me'.

Reading:

Mark 1:14-28
Jesus calls the first disciples

It sounds so casual, Jesus just wandering along the beach and bumping into Simon and Andrew. From what follows, it makes perfect, practical sense that Jesus should launch his first recruitment-drive among the fishermen of Galilee. To be called is to be needed. To be of use. To be valued for some quality or talent, some ability or skill. It might never have occurred to you before, but in you God sees something so unique that so far

as he is concerned you are indispensable. No one else can do for God what you can do for him. Until you do it, whatever that task is, it will not get done. Moreover, until you do it, you will not know the meaning of true happiness. So it was for Simon, Andrew, James and John. So it is for us.

Listening:

Praying:

We think today Lord of all those you call to ministry in your Church, especially those

- who have followed your call to leave home behind and go out as missionaries
- who have followed your call to serve as disciples, whatever their personal situation
- who have yet to follow your call, whose task awaits them still

Father: form me in the likeness of your Son and deepen his new life within me. Send me as Christ sent the disciples as a witness to his joy in a world of loneliness, pain and loss. Amen

Doing:

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