

*Operation Andrew*

A message delivered to  
**MAYER COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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**TITLE: Operation Andrew**  
**TEXT: John 1:35-51**  
**THEME: Evangelism**  
**THRUST: Motivation for Invitation**

**INTRODUCTION:**

Every Christian is a witness for Christ!

If you consider yourself a Christian,  
one who has placed their faith  
in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
then, you are a witness.

As witnesses, we are  
either engaged in confessing with our mouth  
and confirming with our lives that Jesus is Lord;  
or, we are contradicting the message of the Gospel.

What kind of a witness are you?

“One of the saddest statistics of our day is that 95% of all church members have never led anyone to Christ.”

One day a lady criticized D.L. Moody for his methods of evangelism in attempting to win people to the Lord. Moody's reply was, "I agree with you. I don't like the way I do it either. Tell me, how do you do it?" "Oh," The lady replied, "I don't do it." Moody retorted, "Then I like my way of doing it better than your way of not doing it." ~Focus Quote

I was recently talking with a Pastor  
that I respect and have admired,  
and he was explaining to me why their church  
would not be involved with Impact World Tour.

He gave me two reasons:

1. The Churches are not united for such an endeavor.
2. Too often, we as Christians work *for* God, rather than finding out where God is working and joining Him.

I left with sadness, and it wasn't until sometime later  
that I was able to work through my feelings ....

What in the world do we think God is doing?

The Bible says,

“He that wins souls is wise.” (Prov. 11:30)

“God is not willing that any should perish  
but that all should come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9)

“You will be my witnesses,” Jesus said. (Acts 1:8)

“Go into all the world and preach the Gospel....” (Mk.16:15)

In the calendar of events that will culminate

October 10-17 with the presentations

of Impact World Tour,

today is Operation Andrew Sunday.

You have some cards enclosed with your bulletin.

These cards symbolize your opportunity to witness.

Who was Andrew? He was Simon Peter’s brother.

**John 1:35 – 42** Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked upon Jesus as He walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>And Jesus turned, and beheld them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to Him, "Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are You staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come, and you will see." They came therefore and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He found first his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which translated means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Andrew followed Jesus.

Our first and foremost responsibility  
is to be followers of Jesus!

Our second responsibility follows on the heels of the first:

Andrew brought Peter to Jesus

and Jesus completely changed Peter’s life.

**That** is Operation Andrew.

**That** is the simplicity of witnessing.

Do you know someone in your circle of influence

or perhaps, within your family that does not know Jesus.

Then, *you* are their link to Jesus!

- Jesus called Phillip “Follow me!”
- Phillip got Nathaniel and over his honest objections said, “Come and see”.  
And, Nathaniel came and met Jesus and his life was changed!
- The woman at the well met Jesus...

And, went and told others in the city and brought them to Jesus.

“And many believed....” (John 4:11-42)

It is obvious, with 95% of Christians not witnessing

that this is an area of responsibility where we shy?

So, we will do this in stages:

Step 1: **Pray!** Pray that the Holy Spirit will draw them.

Pray that you will have open door to speak.

Pray that you will be instrumental!

Step 2: **Initiate** a conversation.

Step 3: **Extend** an invitation to the crusade or church.

Encourage them to “Come and see” for themselves

We, as Christians, have been accused of “PIE in the sky!”

We have a **P**lan, and an **I**ncentive, let’s enter eternity

as wise with an **E**ntourage of souls!

Be an Andrew!

**CONCLUSION:** Hymn # 692 *When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder*