



“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 mentioned a total of thirteen times in the gospels. *“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 is unique about these three situations is Andrew was involved in bringing someone to Jesus! I know we aren’t speaking of conversions as we think, but Andrew was trying to get people to meet the Lord! Jesus meant something to Andrew.

Have you ever been around someone that tries to bring people to the Lord? Have you ever spent time with them and listened to them? Their convictions, their desires and love just reach out. Why don’t we all do that? I know the obvious answer. But let’s think about this. Some reach out to people wanting them to see Jesus because they are made to feel guilty if they don’t. Guilt is a sad motivation to get people to speak to others about the Lord. Some are just afraid. They don’t know what to say or are afraid they might say the wrong thing. Timidity has a hold on them. But that’s not the point. I want us to look closely at Andrew and see his willingness, his desire that he had for others to share in the Lord Jesus Christ. Andrew was filled with excitement about Jesus! What is more unique, Andrew didn’t go through some 12-step program to success or positive thinking process. He wasn’t ashamed or made to feel guilty to reach out to others. He didn’t work on his communications skills. He had no idea of how to manage the wrongs in society. He simply found something in Jesus that could not be found anywhere else on earth, in another man or woman and it moved his heart and spirit. 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 into the service of Jesus. He wasted no time in reporting to Jesus,

wanting something for 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 to him and he wanted to share in this wonderful Messiah and share Him with others. Does Jesus excite you? Think about it!!!

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