

# SERMON NOTES



## The Power of a Fresh Start

*I have a New Perspective!*

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**When has your perspective been wrong on something? What happened when you gained the right perspective?**

John 1:43 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. 45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

46 "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.

47 When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false."

48 "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

49 Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel."

50 Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that." 51 He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

**KEY TRUTH: When we see \_\_\_\_\_, we see things we \_\_\_\_\_ saw before!**

**1. We see Christ in all of \_\_\_\_\_!**

- a. The Bible is not just a work of \_\_\_\_\_, but the Word of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Deuteronomy 18:15 The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him...17 The Lord said to me: "What they say is good. 18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him.

- *Isaiah 9:1; 8-9 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan—*

*6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.*

b. The Bible is not just a \_\_\_\_\_ for life, but \_\_\_\_\_ life.

- *John 5:39 You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me to have life.*
- *John 6:68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."*

## 2. We see \_\_\_\_\_ for who he really is!

a. Not just a \_\_\_\_\_ provider, but the Son of \_\_\_\_\_

- *John 6:26,35 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ... 35 Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.*

b. Not just a \_\_\_\_\_ example, but the teacher of \_\_\_\_\_

- *Mark 1:22 The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.*

## 3. We see \_\_\_\_\_ from the heart of Jesus!

a. He wants all people to \_\_\_\_\_ in him.

- *1 Timothy 2:3-4 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.*

b. He wants people to \_\_\_\_\_ him.

- *Matthew 28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.*

Some questions to journal on:

1. Nathanael had a hangup that Jesus was from Nazareth because of cultural biases he held on to. What biases/prejudices perhaps linger in your heart that get in the way of you either a) walking more closely with Jesus or b) talking to someone you know about Jesus? Journal about where they come from. Pray for God's help to overcome them.
2. Prayer ideas: Write down people you know who are disconnected from Jesus. Begin to pray specifically for them and how God can use you to invite them to "come and see" who Jesus is and what he has done for them.

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*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;  
the old has gone, the new has come!*

2 Corinthians 5:17

**MY PERSONAL NOTES**

## **SERMON REFLECTIONS: Apply to My Life**

**The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:**

**The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:**

**The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:**

**My prayers today are:**

**Someone I would like to bless with today's message:**