North Weekly Devotional Sylvia Hinson

Song: Go, Tell It On The Mountain

Prayer: Father, Your Word tells us to go and teach all nations, to baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and that You would be with us always. We love you. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Text: John 1:40-42

"One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter)."

Explanation:

The Point: We are not only to be followers of Jesus but we are to bring others to Him.

We are to be soul winners. Andrew's name only appears 3 times in the Bible and each time he is bringing someone to Christ. He brought his brother, Peter, the little boy with the loaves and fishes, and the Greeks who would see Jesus. He is a great model to us. We should make witnessing our first priority in our Christian life. This is not an easy task when we are afraid of being criticized or ignored. Buddy and I had been married 13 years before he was saved. We had many friends and the majority of them left us because our choices had changed. In America, it is getting harder and harder to speak publicly for our Lord and Savior. This was not true a half a century ago. Our country is changing and not for the better. We need to stand strong in spite of fear of reprisal. GO. WITNESS, LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORS.

Application:

Pre-K & Elementary Age: Go tell a kid on the playground in the park or at school about Jesus. Teach them Jesus Loves Me. This I know. Why? Because the Bible tells me so.

Middle & High School Students: Prayerfully pick out one person at school that you can share Jesus with, and pray for that person. Stand for what's right. You will see you're not alone.

Young Adult: As you are beginning your adulthood, go to God before making major decisions. Choose friends wisely. Share the gospel and how Jesus helps you through the hardest times in life.

Empty Nesters: Now the house is empty except for occasional visits of the family. You can share the gospel by interacting with your neighbors, walking and praying for your neighbors on a regular basis as Pastor Jonathan challenged us to do back in the spring. Send cards, make phone calls to lonely people or someone that just needs encouraging.

Song: People Need the Lord

Prayer: Our Father, as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news." Give us the wisdom, the courage, and the words to tell others of your love and your salvation. Amen.