



Great Commission Coalition

God's Exceedingly Great and Precious Promises

By which have been given to us **exceedingly great and precious promises . . .**

And He said to them, "**Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.**" [2 Peter 1:4; Matthew 4:19](#)

Faith is the proper response to The Promises of God. God's Wonderful Promises are so Wonderful that The Bible describes them as "**exceedingly great and precious.**" All of The Promises of God (which are deserving of our absolute trust) are "**exceedingly great.**" They are far, far beyond magnificent. The root of this word gives us our English term, "mega" (as in "mega-bomb" or "mega-celebrity"). The promises of God are also "**precious.**" They are priceless. They are beyond what any human or treasure of this earth could ever secure.

One of God's "**exceedingly great and precious promises**" is linked to Jesus' call to Discipleship. This call was an invitation to come and pursue after Him. "*And He said to them, 'Follow Me.'*" The Lord Jesus wants people to develop a life with Him. He wants us to build a relationship with Him. For all who will humbly focus their days on earth in a quest after Him, Jesus makes this magnificent promise. "**I will make you.**" As we follow after Him, we can count on His fulfilling the promise to remake us. These men He addressed were "fishers of fish." Jesus promised to make them "*fishers of men.*" "**From now on you will catch men**" [Luke 5:10](#)

The critical point is that **Jesus** would be the one **changing** these men. In this situation, He speaks of changing them from those who caught fish (for a temporary fishing business) to those who would catch men (for The Eternal Kingdom of God). Yet, in every situation, He is the One to rely upon for a changed life. It is amazing what people (even Believers in Jesus Christ) will do to try to change their lives. They will sign up for every new program that comes through town (or is offered over television). They will commit themselves to years of humanistic therapy. They will follow gurus to every continent on earth. They will even make endless lists of promises to God to do better or try harder. Yet, all of this is to no avail. God's plan for transformation of life is to **believe** in His **promise**. "**I will make you.**" God wants to be the cause that produces the effect of a transformed life. "*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus*" [Ephesians 2:10](#)

Yes, by The Grace of God, transformation of life is available by faith in The Promises of God. If we are willing to humbly pursue after a developing relationship with the Lord of life, He **promises to make us into who He wants us to be.**

Precious Lord, thank You for being so patient with me through all my futile attempts to change myself. Please remind me daily to seek after You knowing that I can count on You to be transforming me into who You want me to be, In Jesus' Name I Pray, Amen.