

Andrew: The “Second Fiddle” and “Fifth Wheel” Apostle

Scripture Reading: *John 15:12-17*

1. I want to be more like Andrew, and I encourage you to desire the same.
2. A brief tour of the gospel accounts where he is mentioned show us why he is worthy of imitation.

I. Andrew was there

- A. Andrew was one of the first two documented disciples of Jesus (*John 1:35-42*).
- B. About a year later, Andrew heard the “fishers of men” call of Jesus (*Mark 1:16-20*).
- C. Andrew alone offered a solution at Jesus’ feeding of the five thousand (*John 6:1-14*).

II. But there were also times when Andrew was not there

- A. Andrew was not among the three who witnessed Jesus’ transfiguration (*Matthew 17:1-21*).
- B. Andrew was not there when Jesus raised Jairus’ daughter from the dead (*Mark 5:21-43*).
- C. Andrew was not hand-picked to follow Jesus further into Gethsemane (*Mark 14:32-42*).

III. How would the carnal side in most of us react to such perceived slights?

- A. *Ephesians 4:31* — bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, slander, malice
- B. *Galatians 5:19-21* — enmity, strife, jealousy, rivalry, dissension, division, envy

IV. And yet, where else do we read of Andrew and his actions?

- A. *John 12:20-26* — continuing to do what he can to connect people with Jesus.
- B. *Acts 1:12-14* — devoted to prayer with the other disciples in the upper room.