

***Sermon Title:* THE CALL OF NATHANIEL**

Date: July 28, 2024 - John 1:43-51

Central Idea: People come to Christ through us, not by us.

Introduction:

This was indeed a blessed day of finding. Note the diversity of the ways we are led to the Lord: Jesus found Philip; Philip found Nathaniel; John and Andrew found the Lord through John the Baptist; Andrew found Peter.

Philip, when found, lost no time in seeking others but went hastily after his friend Nathaniel.

I. Philip influences Nathaniel.

1. Did not delay, v. 45
2. Did not argue, v. 46

II. Christ influences Nathaniel.

1. Commends Nathaniel's character, v. 47
2. Manifests His divine knowledge, v. 48
3. Recognizes Nathaniel's faith, vv. 49-50
4. Awakens Nathaniel's anticipation, v. 51

Conclusion:

John 1 describes five men who met the Lord. All different. All believers. All models. What great lessons they teach us! We learn that witnessing is everybody's responsibility. We also learn that witnessing begins at home, either in one's own family or hometown. Witnessing promotes the Lord, not ourselves or some personal agenda. The early disciples show us that witnessing is both verbal and specific.