

TWO TALES OF TRUST—PHILIP & NATHANAEL

Follow—No Experience Necessary (5)

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Jn 1:43-45 PHILIP—Developing Trust

- 1st Disciple of 2nd group and plays a distinct role!
- Greek name, from Bethsaida, only mentioned in the book of JOHN____
- His Call: Jesus physically sought him out.
Perfect harmony: Jesus found Philip= SOVEREIGNTY
Philip felt he found the Lord! = CONVERSION
- Heart of a Follower: With Nathanael, With surprise!
- FRIENDSHIP is the best ground from which to share about Jesus!

Jn 6:1-10 PHILIP—Chief Administrator: “How can we feed all these?”

- Can’t be done! No sense of COMPLETE trust in Jesus.
- Matthew 17: 20 “Everything is possible to him who believes...”

Jn 12:20 PHILIP—Visit of the Greeks

- “Didn’t he know he could bring them to Jesus?”
- Jesus shared the GOSPEL with them.

Jn14:5-8 PHILIP—Show Us the Father!

- Failed to see God’s hand in Jesus WORK.

Jn 1: 45- 51 NATHANAEL Bar Tolmai – Defining Trust

Close friend of Philip—mentioned 2x in John, from Cana (Jn.21:2)

- **His Love of Scripture**—“of whom Moses and the prophets wrote...”
J’shua bar Joseph
“Out of Nazareth?” Not Bethlehem? Not Jerusalem?
- **Sincerity of Heart**- “No deceit”-- hypocrisy, or phoniness
V 48 “I saw you”-- location and HEART, as well
“You will see even greater things!”
- **Jesus is the ladder, the link, from earth to heaven.**

Leader Lesson:

**THE CENTRAL PERSON AND POWER OF OUR TRUST
IS JESUS OF NAZARETH!**

Bible Reading: John 1: 43- 51

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.”

⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!”

⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”

⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”

⁵⁰Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.”

⁵¹And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”