

THE GREATEST MOMENT OF YOUR LIFE

John 1:35-48 John 6:37, 44

Introduction: It's not uncommon to hear about people being recognized for accomplishments and a lot of publicity, with much "pomp and circumstance" is made. Parties, speeches, awards, hugs and handshakes, "congratulations" are made in many ways and of course there are the "thank you-s" by the person being recognized. Great moments are wonderful unforgettable events in people's lives and are talked about through the years as if that great event had just happened.

However, the greatest moment a person can really have is that moment when one "comes to Jesus." The greatest celebration over that event is not down here, although there is usually a lot of joy, but it is in heaven that much celebration takes place. All heaven rejoices when someone "comes to Jesus." So, how does one "come to Jesus?"

I. WHEN A PERSON BELIEVES IN JESUS, THAT IS "COMING TO JESUS"

1. You are not dragged, you are not rushed, you are not pushed.
2. You must "willingly," want to come to Jesus. To "come" is to believe in Him.

II. THERE ARE DIFFERENT WAYS USED BY GOD TO DRAW YOU TO JESUS

1. Followers of John the Baptist heard him speak of Jesus and became interested.
 - Andrew and John were the first to follow Jesus.
 - Andrew then brought his brother Simon (Peter) to Jesus.
 - Phillip was found and called by Jesus, Himself.
 - Phillip then brought Nathaniel to Jesus.
2. Preachers of God's Word can draw people to Jesus.
3. Family members can bring their own family to Jesus.
4. Friends can bring friends to Jesus.
5. God will use whatever He needs to draw people to Jesus.

III. THE DIFFERENT NATURES OF PEOPLE ARE APPROACHED

1. Peter was eager, enthusiastic.
2. John was different, he was quiet, thoughtful and outwardly loving.
3. Phillip was slow, deliberate and cautious.
4. Nathaniel was gentle and kind in words and action.
5. Everyone is different, so God uses different approaches to draw each person.

IV. EVERYBODY IS DEALT WITH DIFFERENTLY BUT EQUALLY

1. God may ask the question, "why do you come?"
2. "I knew you before you were born" He may exclaim.
3. "Come Now! He may say suddenly.
4. God knows each person individually and He loves each one individually as well.

V. NOBODY "DRIFTS" TO JESUS, BUT IS DRAWN

1. Christian, take a look back in your life, you can see now that you were drawn to Jesus but didn't know it at the time.
 - What seemed perhaps casual, not too important at the time, or some sort of "accident" then gradually things began to change, impressions became deeper and deeper.
2. Christian, you are a christian today because you were drawn to Jesus.
3. Sadly, there are many today who are not interested in coming to Jesus although they have heard about Him but are not drawn to Him.
 - These people can read the Bible and not be drawn.
 - They can attend church services and not be drawn.
4. Only those whose hearts respond when touched are drawn to Jesus.

CONCLUSION:

1. Everybody in God's Kingdom is know personally by God and Jesus, His Son.
 - Everything necessary to become a child of God, a christain is done down here.
2. Everybody in God's Kingdom will know everybody else and especially Jesus.
3. Every moment God is drawing someone to Jesus, His Son.
4. The greatest moment a person can ever have in his/her life down here is the moment of "coming to Jesus."
5. Have you ever had this wonderful moment of "coming to Jesus?"