



TALE OF TWO SEEKERS

John 1:35-39

Tracing the footsteps of Apostle Andrew

3 kinds of Seekers

Progress

“the good soil”



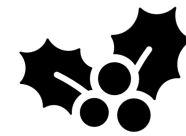
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Digress

“among the thorns”



Most people do not abandon their faith, they
abandon the way they think about their faith

Dallas Willard

¹⁹ Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰ He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.”

²¹ And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.”

²² Then they said to him, “Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?”

²³ He said: “I *am* ‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Make straight the way of the LORD,” ’ as the prophet Isaiah said.” ²⁴ Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees. ²⁵ And they asked him, saying, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”

²⁶ John answered them, saying, “I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. ²⁷ It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose.”

²⁸ These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is He of whom I said, ‘After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.’ ³¹ I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water.”

³² And John bore witness, saying, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. ³³ I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵ Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. ³⁶ And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, “Behold the Lamb of God!”

³⁷ The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, “What do you seek?”

They said to Him, “Rabbi” (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), “where are You staying?”

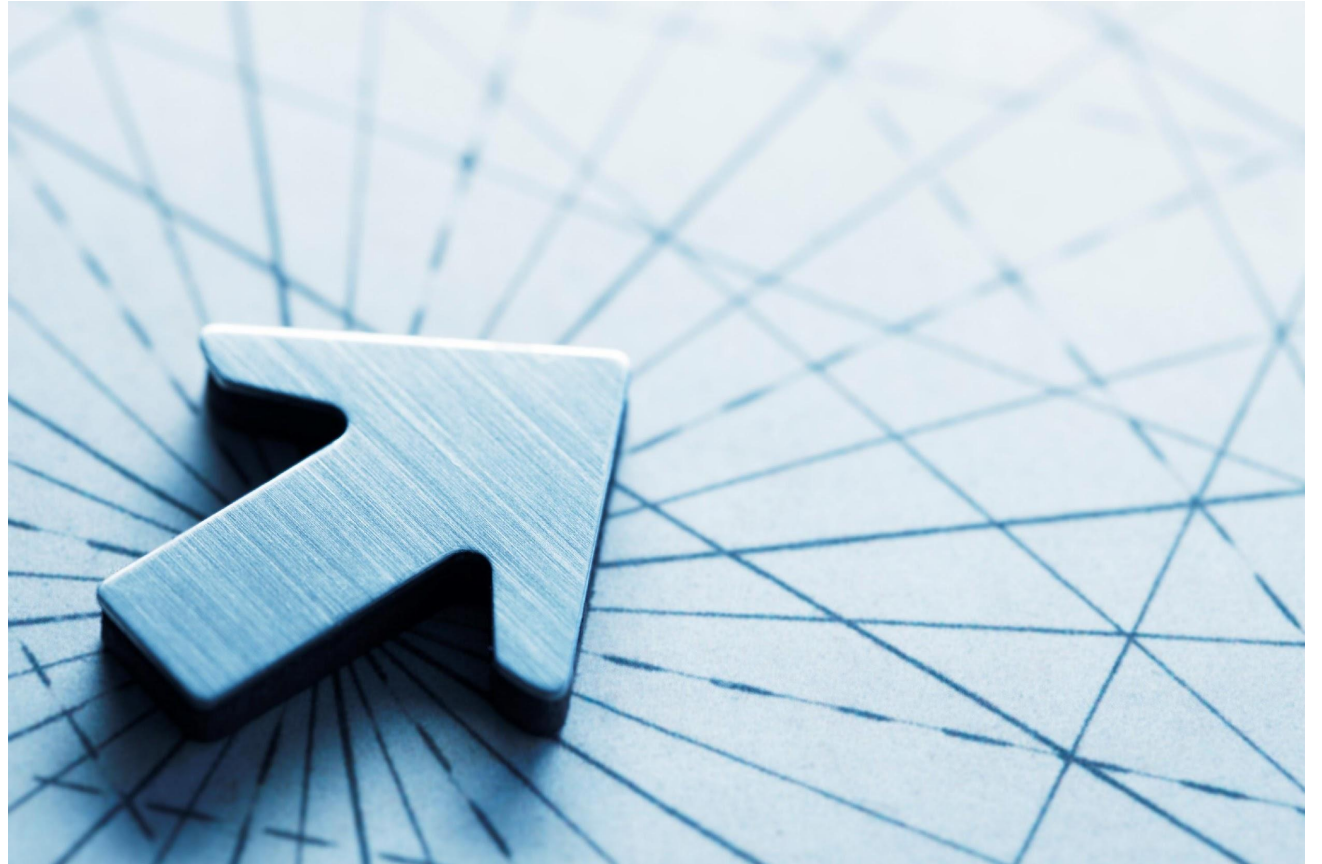
³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where He was staying and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour).

⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John *speak*, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus.

Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, “You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas” (which is translated, A Stone).

What do you seek?

John 1:38



But seek ye first his kingdom and his righteousness

Matthew 6:33

Two Kingdoms and Two Treasures

EARTHLY KINGDOM, EARTHLY TREASURES



Matthew 6:24-34

HEAVENLY KINGDOM, ETERNAL TREASURES

A life of goodness
(righteousness),
peace and joy in
the Holy Spirit
(NLT)

Matthew 6:19-20, Romans 14:17

Two Righteousness

RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES

- Do not murder (Matt 5:21)
- Do not commit adultery (Matt 5:27)
- Pray to be seen (Matt 6:5)
- Give to be known (Matt 6:1)

RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD'S KINGDOM

- Do not get angry (Matt 5:22)
- Do not lust (Matt 5:28)
- Pray behind closed door (Matt 6:6)
- Give in secret (Matt 6:4)

What do you
seek?

John 1:38



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Significance of Andrew's two baptisms

Water baptism by John

Holy Spirit Baptism by Jesus

Seeing baptism as reality over rituals

Understand the underlying meaning of the two baptisms

WATER BAPTISM

Repentance: It is to change the way we think (*metanoia*)

HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM

Relationship: It is to be immersed into a life with God

How are you
thinking?



Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere
in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both
for yourself and for those who hear you

1 Tim 4:16 (NASV)

Paul's advice to Timothy



Thinking

“Pay close attention to yourself”



Teaching

“and your teaching”



Training

“Persevere in these things”

Seeing your real self
by observing your
“thought life”



Repentance is a continuous process of changing our mind

“You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” John 8:31-32



¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Matthew 3:11

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples ² and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³ So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?” “John’s baptism,” they replied. ⁴ Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

Acts 19:1-6

To be baptized in the Holy Spirit is primarily to be immersed into a life and relationship with God

Penultimate reason for our salvation is to have a relationship with the Triune God



In the garden – our “with God” life



What kind of Seeker are you?

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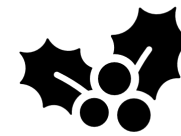
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Three takeaway questions for you to ponder

- What do you seek?
- How has your thinking changed you after you followed Jesus?
- How is God with you?