



It's Reason Enough

John 1:43-49

Big Idea: Adults don't become followers of Christ by getting all their questions answered. In most instances, something happens that shrinks those questions. And that something is always personal. You don't have to understand everything to believe something.

Bottom Line: There is something keeping you from placing your faith in Christ as your Savior. I would like to help you move beyond it.

Introduction:

My agenda in this series is I want you to become a Christian before the end of this series. I can't make you believe. I sure wish I could. I know many of you want to follow Christ, but there are **obstacles**. You wish you could get around them.

Sometimes, people become Christians once they have overcome an obstacle. They get more information. They get a question answered. But usually this is not the case.

Usually it is a tragedy, brokenness, or desperation that leads them to Christianity. "God, I don't know about the dinosaurs. I don't know about the two naked people in the garden, and I don't know about all the miracles... But, if you are there, I need you now!"

In those encounters, the large, looming, overwhelming questions and obstacles don't vanish or even get resolved. They just get smaller because something else gets larger.

Truth

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⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.

⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the law, and about whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

⁴⁶ "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false."

⁴⁸ "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel.”

Nathanael was hung up on Nazareth. He was not sure how the Messiah could possibly be from Nazareth, but that objection just got a whole lot smaller.

Conclusion:

I’m praying in the next few weeks we will be able to make some of your objections smaller. There are many books written that address all of your objections. In fact, your objections are not unique to you, and I’m sure you know that by now.

Chances are **information** isn’t going to get you there.

Instead, God is inviting you into a **relationship** with Him, not a category.

What if you began praying, “God, I want to **know** you more than I want to **know** the answers to my questions.”

God’s love doesn’t always remove obstacles, but it will always shrink them.

Application & Next Steps

- Memorize John 1:49
- Pray Daily: “God, I want to **know** you more than I want to **know** the answers to my questions.”
- Join us online next Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.