

# DEFINING MOMENTS

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**The Calling of the First Disciples**

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<sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down<sup>b</sup> the nets for a catch."

<sup>5</sup>Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

<sup>6</sup>When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup>So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

<sup>8</sup>When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup>For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, <sup>10</sup>and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men."<sup>c</sup> <sup>11</sup>So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

**The Man With Leprosy**

<sup>12</sup>While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with

**Jesus Heals a Paralytic**

<sup>17</sup>One day as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law, who had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem, were sitting there. And the power of the Lord was present for him to heal the sick. <sup>18</sup>Some men came carrying a paralytic on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. <sup>19</sup>When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

<sup>20</sup>When Jesus saw their faith, he said "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

<sup>21</sup>The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

<sup>22</sup>Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? <sup>23</sup>Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? <sup>24</sup>But that you may know: that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins . . ." He said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." <sup>25</sup>Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. <sup>26</sup>Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."

**The Calling of Levi**

<sup>27</sup>After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth.

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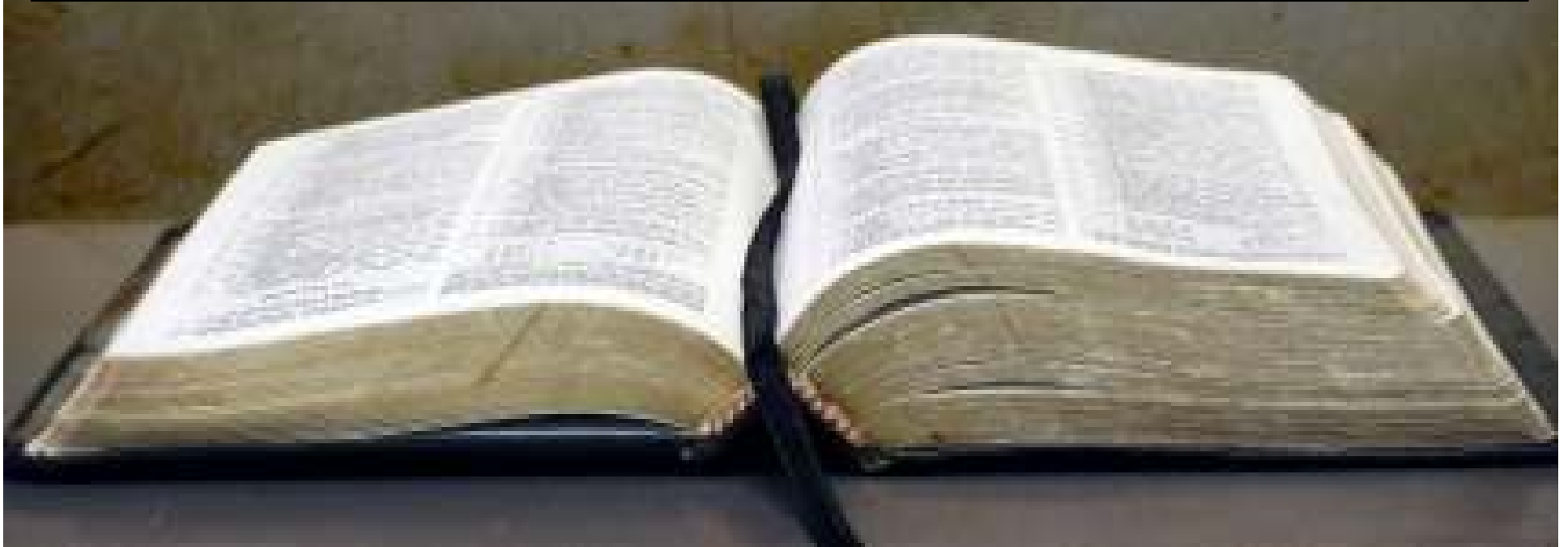
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## Acts 4:13

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.



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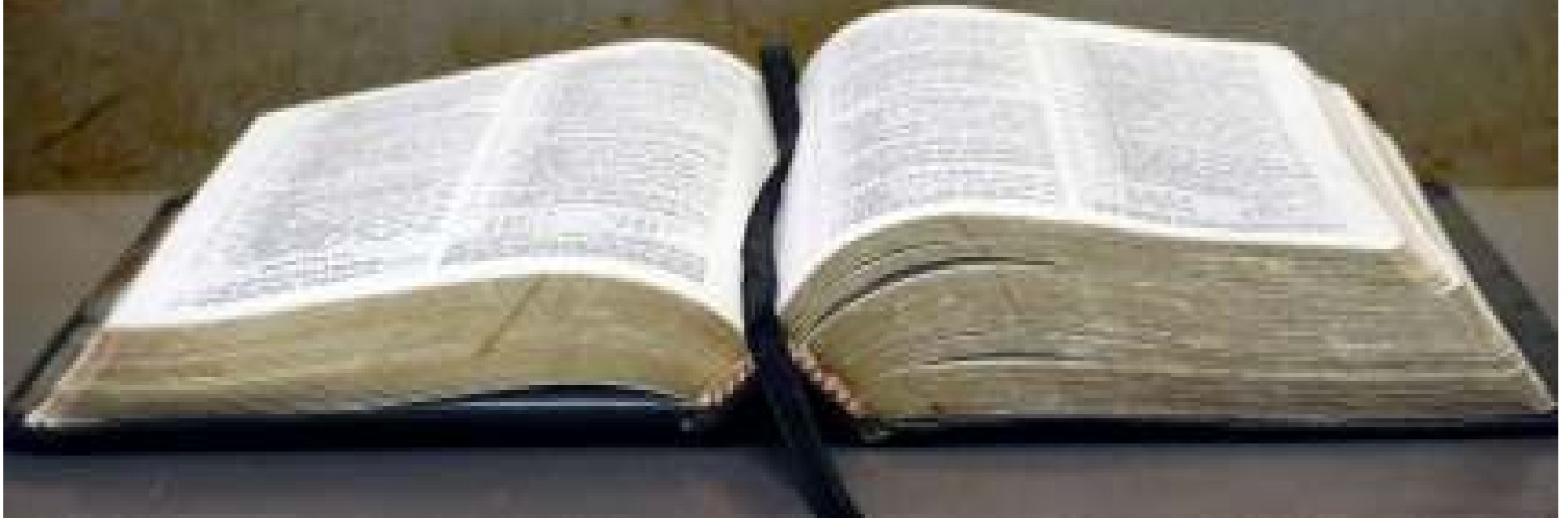
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  - b. Not disqualified for a lack of PERFECTION.



## Mark 3:17

James son of Zebedee and his brother John (to them he gave the name Boanerges, which means Sons of Thunder)



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2. Jesus' invitation happens in a series of STEPS.

- a. Invited to PARTICIPATE and observe.
- b. Invited to ACT on Jesus' advice.
- c. Invited to JOIN the greatest cause ever!



3. Jesus doesn't want us to FISH for something that's going to end up stinking.



# Next Steps



1. Purchase 45 acres on contractual property
2. Perform due diligence & prepare master plan and the design of future structures.
3. Pay off one existing debt – only one
4. Student Ministry position from part-time to full-time.

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