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Jesus said **"follow me"** _thirteen times_ in the Gospels. He used these two simple words to **call** Peter, Andrew, James, and John as his disciples

Jesus' call to **follow him** is **more** than an invitation to pray a prayer. It is a **summons** to lose our life and find new life and ultimate joy in him. When we **truly** engage with Jesus' personal invitation to **follow** him, **everything changes**.

God speaks to us in many different ways, often in **Scripture** and **prayer**. But there are so many other ways God communicates with us. Here are three.

1. **Repetitive Messages**. One really **obvious** way that God tries to get our attention is through **repetitive messages**. That is, when a theme or message **jumps out** at us **repeatedly**. It can just **keep coming** to mind or come through Scripture, sermons, articles, podcasts, or any other way. Has this ever happened to you?

   When repeated messages catch your attention, don't ignore this sign from God. Absorb all that you can even if it doesn't come to you immediately. Otherwise, you may **miss** whatever He's trying to **give you**.

2. **Friends.** Another obvious sign God is trying to get our attention is through our friends. If a few **good** friends are all telling you the same thing, **don't** discount it just because it's **not** what you want to hear. It may be a **sign that God is speaking to you** through them.

3. **Promptings.** God may also speak to us with a strong **inner prompting**, or **audibly.** When God chooses to speak like this, don't ignore it.

These are just **some** of the methods God uses to get our attention, but God is God and, His methods of getting our attention are **not** limited in any way. We need to be attentive, so we don't miss out.

And, **why** would God want to get our attention? Probably because He has a **bette**r **plan** for us. Actually, His way is **always better**, even when we **can't** see the road ahead.

So, when God is throwing signs at us, trying to get to our attention, let us be like Samuel and answer,

"Here I am Lord. I'm listening."