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ENTERING THE SCENE:

Fr. Beck cautions that "calls and vocations have unexpected directions. Hidden implication that are not spelled out in the fine print when we first sign on. There are no codicils and wherefores and howevers given us to prepare us for what may eventuate. There is no way to anticipate every turning in the journey." In our gospel today we only get the bare bones of the calls responded to by those fishermen of long ago. They like us only know that there has got to be something more, something better than the status quo. We like they, are now being called to

that unknown 'more'.

MK. 1:14-20

14 After John was put in **prison**, Jesus went into **Galilee**, proclaiming the **good news** of God. 15 The **time** has come," he said. "The **kingdom of God** is near. **Repent** and believe the **good news!**" 16 As Jesus walked beside the Sea of **Galilee**, he saw **Simon** and his brother **Andrew** **casting** a net into the **lake**, for they were **fishermen**. 17 Come, **follow me**," Jesus said, "and I will make you **fishers** of men." 18 **At once** they left their **nets** and **followed** him. 19 When he had gone a little farther, he saw **James** son of **Zebedee** and his brother **John** in a **boat**, preparing their **nets**. 20 **Without delay** he **called** them, and they left their father **Zebedee** in the **boat** with the **hired men** and **followed** him.

DISCUSSION QUESTION: Jesus issues an invitation to follow him. The fishermen were ready. Am I also ready?

PRAYER: Lord, I imagine myself in one of those boats and struggling with whether to leave all I have known and those who depend on me staying the same. I know that when I make a change it will make all those who care for me to change as well. Some will celebrate for me, and others will see me as abandoning them. Help me as I try to respond to the call to follow you in such a way that it becomes what both I and they really need. Amen.