

## His Compelling Call

And straightway he called them: and **they left their father Zebedee in the ship** with the hired servants, and went after him. (Mark 1:20)

### **1:20 They Left Their Father in the Boat**

**His Compelling Call.** Jerome: There must have been something divinely compelling in the face of the Savior. Otherwise they would not have acted so irrationally as to follow a man whom they had never seen before. Does one leave a father to follow a man in whom he sees nothing more than he sees in his father?

They left their father of the flesh to follow the Father of the spirit. They did not leave a father; they found a Father. What is the point of this digression? To show that there was something divine in the Savior's very countenance that men, seeing, could not resist.

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