

**Title: X-ray Vision - John 1 40-51**

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**Read:**

<sup>40-42</sup>Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard John's witness and followed Jesus. The first thing he did after finding where Jesus lived was find his own brother, Simon, telling him, "We've found the Messiah" (that is, "Christ"). He immediately led him to Jesus. Jesus took one look up and said, "You're John's son, Simon? From now on your name is Cephas" (or Peter, which means "Rock"). <sup>43-44</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. When he got there, he ran across Philip and said, "Come, follow me." (Philip's hometown was Bethsaida, the same as Andrew and Peter.) <sup>45-46</sup>Philip went and found Nathanael and told him, "We've found the One Moses wrote of in the Law, the One preached by the prophets. It's Jesus, Joseph's son, the one from Nazareth!" Nathanael said, "Nazareth? You've got to be kidding." But Philip said, "Come, see for yourself." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw him coming he said, "There's a real Israelite, not a false bone in his body." <sup>48</sup>Nathanael said, "Where did you get that idea? You don't know me." Jesus answered, "One day, long before Philip called you here, I saw you under the fig tree." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael exclaimed, "Rabbi! You are the Son of God, the King of Israel!" <sup>50-51</sup>Jesus said, "You've become a believer simply because I say I saw you one day sitting under the fig tree? You haven't seen anything yet! Before this is over you're going to see heaven open and God's angels descending to the Son of Man and ascending again."

**Think:**

There is good news and there is bad news. The good news is Jesus knows everything about us. The bad news is that Jesus knows everything about us. Yep in the same way Jesus knew everything about Nathanael he knows everything about us. He knew before you were born if you would choose to become a Christian or not. He knows when you choose to do things because you think it is the right thing to do, even though inside you mind is screaming do something else. He knows the torment you go through when you choose to shout at your parents, even though you heart is saying you love them. It's bizarre that Jesus knows all this and I often wonder why he doesn't let us in on the secret. But then when I look back and see the changes that have gone on in my life, and I am glad that we get to find these things out as we go along. Of course, it's also scary that God sees right into our very hearts and minds. He knows our motives and he knows our thoughts. But to paraphrase a famous author, "there is good and bad news there too". The bad news is, that it does matter what good things we do, we can't make God love us any more then he already does. The good news is that it does matter what bad things we do, we can't make God love us any less then he already does.

**Pray:**

Father thank you for loving me whatever I think and whatever I do. Help me lord remember the truth of that for all time. Amen.

**Action:**

When was the last time you thanked your youth leader for being there? Do it today. Bye.