

# THE OFFER



I call to mind the times when Jesus Christ said, "Come!"  
to people in the gospel.

I imagine that I hear that word addressed to me today,  
and I respond to it.

When two of John's disciples asked Jesus where he lived,  
he said, "Come and see".

I talk with him about the things that I have seen since the day he first  
invited me to be with him....  
the things that he has shown me...

I then recall the words of Philip,  
"Show us the Father—that is all we want."  
Is there anything I still desire him to show me?

To each of his disciples Jesus said, "Come, follow me."  
I ask myself what following him has done for me over the years...

Another "Come",  
Jesus says to the fishermen by the lake.

"Come and I shall get you to catch human beings."

I think of the inspiration I have sometimes brought to others....

I think of those whose goodness or whose talents I have drawn out by  
my love.

I think of the times when I brought faith where there was fear...  
solace where there was pain...  
love to replace indifference...  
peace to temper violence...  
self-acceptance where there was self-loathing...

I think of those who were absorbed in daily trifles until,  
because of me, they heard the call to something greater...

And I rest in the sound of his words,  
"Come, and I shall get you to catch human beings."

"Come to me all you who are tired and weary  
and I shall give you rest."  
An invitation to find my rest in him!  
What words spring to my lips when I hear him say those words to me?

And finally, "Anyone who thirsts should come to me and drink."  
How does one slake one's thirst on Jesus Christ?  
Which thirsts does he fulfil?

*Based on a meditation from Wellsprings by Anthony de Mello*