

Connecting through Discipleship II

“Resist”

Resist means to exert force in opposition.

Resist means to exert oneself to counteract or defeat.

Resist means to withstand the force or effect of.

“Come unto me, Follow me, Learn of Me, Go ye”

KJV Mark 3:14-15 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that **he might send them** forth to preach, ¹⁵ And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:

The first level of discipleship is never “go ye,” it is “come unto me.”

I

A disciple of Jesus Christ is a follower with the life, character and nature of their rabbi, teacher.

A disciple carries the yoke of their rabbi, teacher.

The life of Jesus is revealed in manifestations of the Holy Spirit.

KJV 1 Corinthians 12:7 But the **manifestation** of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. **Vs 8-11**

The character of Jesus is revealed in the fruit of the Spirit. **Galatians 5:22**

KJV Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

The nature of Jesus is revealed in the disciples’ response in any given situation.

KJV 1 John 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: **because as he is, so are we in this world.**

II

Think about these steps in making disciples.

KJV **1 Thessalonians 2:7-12** But we were **gentle** among you, **even as a nurse cherisheth her children**: ⁸ So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have **imparted** unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our **own souls**, because ye were dear unto us. ⁹ For ye remember, brethren, our **labour and travail: for labouring night and day**, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God. ¹⁰ Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe: ¹¹ As ye know how we **exhorted and comforted and charged** every one of you, as a **father** doth his children, ¹² That ye would **walk worthy of God**, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

The journey of **spiritual** parenting is much like **natural** parenting and discipleship.

Various roles of parents and the disciples...

A Commander -

A Counselor -

A **Comforter** -

A Consultant -

A **Connector** -

A Confidant -

A **Commisioner** -

A Coach -

A Conrad -

A Cheerleader -

It takes ability, agility and mobility to shift at the appropriate time to benefit followers in the formation process.

It takes knowledge, wisdom, and understanding to make disciples.

III

*Matthew 10:2-4, Mark 3:14-19,
Luke 6:13-16, Acts 1:13*

KJV **Mark 3:14-19** And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that **he might send them** forth to preach, ¹⁵ And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils: ¹⁶ And **Simon** he surnamed **Peter**; ¹⁷ And James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder: ¹⁸ And Andrew, and **Philip**, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and **James** the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanite, ¹⁹ And Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him: and they went into an house.

The first order of the disciples is to be with him.

KJV **Luke 6:13-16** And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose **twelve, whom also he named apostles**; ¹⁴ **Simon**, (whom he also named **Peter**,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, **Philip** and Bartholomew, ¹⁵ Matthew and Thomas, **James** the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called Zelotes, ¹⁶ And Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor.

There were three groups of four among the disciples.

These groups show different levels of intimacy and frequent contact with Jesus as well.

☐ Not every successor was a part of the inner circle of Jesus.

However, every successor was with Jesus throughout the ministry.

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