



We're in this together!



Last Week...

- Found out that we need to build strong families if we're going to be good disciples!
 - Platform from which all ministry flows! **G1**
 - Husbands love your wives like Christ loved the church! **Eph 5**
 - Wives submit the 'determination of your will' to your husbands... **Eph 5 Col 3**
 - Parents, raise your kids in the nurture and admonition of the Lord! **Eph 6 Col 3**



Last Week...

- Found out that ‘singles’ of all types, still included in the build!
 - Young, still at homer’s, obey parents and get along with siblings! **Eph 6 Col 3**
 - Older, divorced, widows/ers, “care for the things of the Lord, and pleasing Him!” **1C7**
- And still not good to be alone... **G2**
- So, be marriage-able rather than simply marry-able; “free for the future!” **G2**



Last Week...

- Build strong families at home!
- Build strong family of the Church!
 - “By this will all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love one to another!”
 - John 13**
 - Loving to encourage...
 - Loving enough to confront errors...
 - Loving like Him to reconcile the fallen...



And we learned all
that from the **word**
of God!



Whatever You Want to Learn

- You'll find it in the Word of God!
 - “His divine power has given everything we need for life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. Through these He has given us His precious and magnificent promises so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature now that you have escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires!” **2Peter 1.3,4**



Whatever You Want to Learn

- If you want to learn about God? ***Bible!***
- If you want to know how to have a great marriage and family! ***Bible!***
- If you want to know how to prosper and be in good health! ***Bible!***
- If you want to know how to find and have friends! ***Bible!***
- Everything you need to know! ***Bible!***



**If we want to be on the
same page as Jesus, as
His disciples, we have to
be in the same book!**



The Word of God!

- “If you continue in My word, *then* you are My disciples indeed; And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” **John 8.31,32**
 - “If you remain, abide, stay and wait in My word, you are truly My disciples; then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free!” **Lexicon**



The Word of God!

- “The words I speak to you are spirit and are life...” **John 6.63**
- “My doctrine is not mine but His who sent Me!” **John 7.16**
- “If any one loves Me, they will keep My words: and My Father will love them and We will come and make our abode with them!” **John 14.23**



Discipleship Practices...

- Know and continue in His word(s)!
- Smart to begin with Jesus words!
 - Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts 1, Revelation 1-3 (red letter editions)
 - Read for words and PICTURES!
 - See Him, listen to Him!
 - Measure people's responses to Him and His words!



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- Then the words “given” to His own! **2T3**
 - Book of Acts (Luke)
 - 21 letters (Paul, Peter, James, John, Jude)
 - Revelation (John)
 - “Study to show yourself approved unto God... rightly dividing truth!” **2Tim 2.15 KJV**



**“Use speed, make haste,
be eager to present yourself
approved to God, an unashamed
workman who accurately
handles the word of truth!”**

Lexicon



“But we must be doers of the word and not hearers only, otherwise you are deceiving yourselves!” James 1.22 Lexicon



“Everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them is like to wise man who built his house on the rock, and when the storms came it didn’t fall because it was on the rock!” **Matthew 7.24,25**



Discipleship Practices...

- **Start with an easy reader (paraphrase) for familiarization...**
 - The Message, CEV (American Bible Society), Tyndale's The Living Bible
- **Move up to meaning-to-meaning...**
 - NIV, New American, New English
- **Word-for-word...**
 - KJV, NKJV, Young's Literal, Interlinear Greek



Discipleship Practices...

- For further familiarization...
 - “Through the Bible in a Year” readers!
 - Topical Bibles (Nave’s)
 - Parallel Bibles (paper or electronic)
 - Commentaries for understanding, *not interpretation... (know the bias)*
- For study:
 - Strong’s Concordance, Bible Dictionary, Vine’s, Greek/Hebrew Lexicons



Discipleship Practices...

- **Word studies: “Love,” 5 different words: agape, phileo, storge, eros, thelo; all specific meanings...**
 - How would you know without study?
- **Book studies: Proverbs, 1 Chapter @day**
 - Read through the wisdom book 12x yr!
 - 5 Psalms@day
- **Profiles of the ‘famous!’**



Discipleship Practices...

- For increased intimacy...
 - Meditation of God's words!
 - "This book of the law will not depart out of your mouth, but you will meditate in it day and night so that you observe to do according to all that is written in it, for then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have good success!" **Joshua 1.8 Ps 1.2 119.15ff**
 - And on God! **Ps 63.6 77.12 143.5**



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 - Meditate: murmur, imagine, ponder
 - Listen/Word, and, listen while you read! 2x
 - “See, hear & handle” the Word of Life! 3x
 - Write out ‘life verses’ and ‘sections’ you want to remember!



Discipleship Practices...

- **Reading great books and testimonies:**
 - **In His Steps, Charles Sheldon**
 - **The Great Conflict, Ethel Barrett (OOP)**
 - **Foxes Book of Martyr's**
 - **Touch the World Through Prayer, Duesel**
 - **Invading the Impossible, Hayford**
 - **Understanding the spiritual world: C.S Lewis, Frank Peretti, Roger Elwood (OOP)**



**And, for all your
reading, read THE BIBLE,
because it's on the solid
rock we stand!**





“On The Rock, I Stand!”