



## World-changer Kinda Discipleship

Important questions: Are you a believer or a disciple? It takes one to make one. What do you think would be better? The Lord wants you to be both, but a disciple really trusts and matures spiritually. What does all that stuff involve? Well, it takes koinonia fellowship—it calls for honest relationship. Yep!

Woke up with this on my mind: **If you really want to fish for souls, you must build holy relationship. If you want to equip in biblical discipleship so that others will eventually fish and equip to fish, then you must cultivate holy relationship!**

Many communicate today, but few really disciple ..especially in a proper non-controlling way that's Scriptural (sometimes the very word discipleship gives people the heebie geebies due to the cults who sometimes use this term for weird practices). But think about it without loving relationship upwards and then outwards as the Lord has in mind for you, your work here will be in vain. The Apostle Paul referred to this vainty..

*“...but have not love, I am nothing.” ~Paul, 1 Corinthians 13:2*

*“...without love I would be no good to anybody.” ~nlt*

One great personal/mass-evangelistic-worker (same man) once told another, **“The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also”** (2 Tim. 2:2). Very familiar passage huh. You don't have to be skilled, or hyper-gifted, but we all must be connecting, be faithful and be teachable if we want to be fishing disciples.

Paul later told this same person this, **“But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry”** (2 Tim. 4:5).

Wow, this book he penned kinda makes ya wonder huh ..if, A.) Can your ministry, no matter what you are called to do, can be fulfilled really.. without any soul-winning involved (really *do doubt* it 'cause all believers are called to witness and be good examples), and B.) If we all should consider afflictions as very normal in this type of work. Really *don't doubt* that they should be considered a normal part of our walk!

You know that no believer is immune to the hassles, pains or temptations of life. They say that if you don't have any opposition from the evil one, then you are probably not obeying God's Word to make an impact with other people ..or you are unwittingly walking hand in hand with the evil one.

Are you **walking with the right One** or with the wrong one today? It can make all the difference in the world, 'cause you are either of the darkness or of the light in the Lord... even if you do go to church all the time. No in-between for any of us. You can choose today and you can know for sure where you stand!

*“So everywhere we go, we tell everyone about Christ. We warn them and teach them with all the wisdom God has given us, for we want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ.” ~Colossians 1:28*

*“Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.” ~ Luke 12:21*

I find that when I get things right on the vertical plain first, then all my relationships on the horizontal plain will fall into place. Yes, even if not all love me, I can still love them and live in peace. But some people make it their primary aim to fix all their horizontal relationships only.. overlooking the most important One and they constantly see things falling out of kilter in more than one area ..that perhaps they've long since attended to.

*“But I [Jesus the Ultimate Fisher] will send you the Counselor—the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will tell you all about me. And YOU MUST ALSO TELL OTHERS ABOUT ME because you have been WITH ME me from the beginning.” ~John 15:26, (nlt) emphasis mine*

*“Yes, I [Jesus] am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.” ~John 15:5*

Connection matters, not strain!

*“He enjoyed a close relationship with God throughout his life. Then suddenly, he disappeared [this is talking about Enoch, after 365 years down here] because God took him.” ~ Genesis 5:24, injection mine*

One day soon Christians will also be caught away too. You ready for that? But planned attention (on God's Word), and also planned neglect is what will benefit. What are we to neglect? Misdirected worship.. **“You must worship no other gods, but only the Lord, for he is a God who is passionate about His relationship with you”** (Exod. 34:14).

So when you get a few moments, check out these truths in their own context and see if you can find any other passages that might couple fruitful-world-changing with vital relationship. Let Scripture interpret Scripture, for the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible. And it shouldn't take you long, because the entire Bible is a relationship Book of Love.

*“So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God—all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God.” ~ Romans 5:11*

*“I command you to love each other in the same way that I love you.” ~John 15:12*

*“And you must also tell others about me because you have been with me from the beginning.” ~John 15:27*

When you read that, fear not about telling others ..as many do. If you are with Christ as a disciple for a period, you will have His boldness ..and you can't help but want to tell people about Him! It's a thrill 'cause they'll be helped, but listen, you can be yourself in this kind of important interaction. Jesus is the giving Initiator, and we are the responders (as John describes above). Freely we've

received ..and then what? We seek to pass it on.. with no charge. Gotta run, but have a great day in Him.

Have you personally applied the blood of Jesus by faith? Do you have a prayer request or some questions about knowing God ..and how to properly walk in Jesus Christ? At [fish4souls.org](http://fish4souls.org) click "[Contact](#)" and let us know! Perhaps we can help. Follow.. [Facebook.com/ShareJesus](https://www.facebook.com/ShareJesus) or [Google Buzz](#) or at [Twitter.com/kurtwvs](https://twitter.com/kurtwvs)

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