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A CALL TO WHOLEHEARTED DISCIPLESHIP



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“ALL IN TO MAXIMIZE THE MISSION”

— Let those who have been chosen, cultivated, and commissioned become confirmed that they are fully trained and ready to fulfill His mission

SERIES THEME VERSE:

23 “Then he said to them all: ‘Whoever wants to be my DISCIPLE MUST DENY THEMSELVES and TAKE UP THEIR CROSS DAILY and FOLLOW ME. 24 For whoever wants to save their life will LOSE IT, but whoever loses their life for me will SAVE IT.’” — Luke 9:23-24 (NIV)

We’ve counted the **COST**, surrendered our lives, and released our generosity. Now, we are ready to maximize the mission. As disciples of Jesus, we have the authority to make disciples of all nations. We have been **CHOSEN** to follow in **HIS FOOTSTEPS** and make disciples who make more disciples.

- **WHAT IF I TOLD YOU THAT** maximizing the mission begins when we **CHOOSE PEOPLE WITH COMPASSION**, until those who feel disqualified discover what Jesus has chosen and qualified them for?
- **WHAT IF I TOLD YOU THAT** we need to **CULTIVATE A JESUS CULTURE** where every person feels they belong, they can spiritually grow, and they can bear long-lasting fruit?
- **WHAT IF I TOLD YOU THAT** we must **COMMISSION DISCIPLES** that can make more disciples if we want to disciple all nations?

Jesus did not build His mission around buildings, platforms, personalities, or programs. His ministry was building people and transforming them from the inside out. The only requirement to be a disciple of Jesus, and not just a follower, is that you have to be willing to be fully trained. Yet, this willingness to be fully trained is often challenged by deeply ingrained ways of thinking that keep us from maximizing the mission.

THE MINDSETS THAT KEEP US FROM MAXIMIZING THE MISSION

- **"MY PAST HAS DISQUALIFIED ME."** *Your past shaped you, but it does not disqualify you from His calling.*
- **"I NEED TO BE COMPLETELY QUALIFIED BEFORE I GET INVOLVED."** *Jesus didn't wait for His disciples to be perfect; He developed them through obedience and community.*
- **"MY FAITH IS PRIVATE AND PERSONAL."** *Faith is personal, but it was never meant to be private. You need community to practice the "one anothers" of Scripture.*
- **"CHURCH IS SOMEWHERE I ATTEND."** *Church is not a service to attend; it is a spiritual family to actively participate in.*
- **"MAKING DISCIPLES IS THE PASTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY."** *Pastors equip the saints, but fulfilling the Great Commission is every disciple's responsibility.*
- **"SOMEONE ELSE WILL DO IT."** *The Messiah chose you to be His devoted disciple so you can reach those He wants to set free through your godly influence.*

HOW DO YOU GO ALL IN TO MAXIMIZE THE MISSION?

1. CHOOSE PEOPLE WITH COMPASSION SO THE DISQUALIFIED BECOME QUALIFIED

— *Let what draws you to Him outweigh every reason you feel unworthy to be fully trained.*

16 "You did not CHOOSE ME, but I CHOSE YOU and APPOINTED YOU so that you might go and BEAR FRUIT—FRUIT THAT WILL LAST." — John 15:16a (NIV)

The result of being chosen by the Messiah is that he commits to train us fully so that we can produce fruit that will remain. Long-lasting fruit should be the ultimate evidence that we've been discipled, developed, and ready to be deployed.

13 "And He went up on the mountain and CALLED TO HIM THOSE HE HIMSELF WANTED. And they came to Him. 14 Then He APPOINTED TWELVE, that they might BE WITH HIM and that He might SEND THEM OUT to preach." — Mark 3:13-14 (NKJV)

You can't be discipled in the dust of the Rabbi if you don't understand that we must **"BE WITH HIM."** He trained them privately before they represented Him publicly.

CHOSEN AS DISCIPLES AND DESIGNATED AS SENT ONES

13 "When morning came, He called His DISCIPLES to Him and CHOSE TWELVE of them, whom He also DESIGNATED APOSTLES...40 The STUDENT is not above the TEACHER [CJB: 'RABBI'], but everyone who is FULLY TRAINED will be like their TEACHER [CJB: 'RABBI']." — Luke 6:13,40 (NIV)

Jesus chose them as disciples to form them, then designated them as apostles—"sent ones"—to represent Him. They were ordinary people—fishermen, tax collectors, zealots, and doubters. Peter was impulsive, Thomas struggled with doubt, and Matthew was socially despised because of his occupation. Yet, Jesus chose them all before they were fully trained, knowing what His presence, His teaching, and His Spirit would develop within them.

"But God CHOSE the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God CHOSE the weak things of the world to shame the strong." — 1 Corinthians 1:27 (NIV)

Jesus often broke social barriers to show compassion. Look at whom He chose:

- The **ROMAN CENTURION**—a Gentile officer whose faith Jesus praised as unmatched in Israel (Matthew 8:5-13).
 - The **SAMARITAN WOMAN**—a marginalized woman with a complex past to whom Jesus revealed Himself as Messiah (John 4:1-26).
 - The **CANAANITE WOMAN**—a Gentile mother whose persistent faith moved Jesus to deliver her daughter (Matthew 15:21-28).
 - The **SAMARITAN LEPER**—an outsider who was the only one of ten healed to return and thank Jesus (Luke 17:11-19).
 - The **GERASENE DEMONIAK**—a tormented man Jesus delivered and commissioned to tell of God's mercy (Mark 5:1-20).
- Jesus did not allow social boundaries to extinguish compassion. His mission was first to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, but Israel's Messiah was always intended to become a light to the nations. Through the New Covenant, Gentile*

believers are brought near—not as replacements for Israel, but as recipients of the promise and participants in God's covenant.

12 “Remember that at that time you were separate from the Messiah, excluded from citizenship in Israel, and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in the Messiah Jesus, you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of the Messiah...19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of his household.” — Ephesians 2:12-13, 19 (ISV)

“If you belong to the Messiah, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.” — Galatians 3:29 (ISV)

Compassion sees the person beyond the problem. It looks at the disqualified and says, 'Come closer.' It looks at the untrained and says, 'Let me walk with you.' It looks at the shamed and says, 'Your story isn't over.' Compassion doesn't lower the standard; it makes transformation possible. You see your flaws; Jesus sees what He has CHOSEN you for.

“He has CHOSEN us and ordained us, aḡ gf that we could go and BRING FORTH FRUIT, and that our fruit should REMAIN.” — Charles H. Spurgeon

If you cultivate the right culture, you'll produce the right fruit.

2. CULTIVATE A JESUS CULTURE WHERE EVERYONE CAN BELONG, GROW, AND BEAR FRUIT

— *Let being grafted into Him give you roots, relationships, and lasting fruit.*

“You were cut out of an olive tree that is WILD BY NATURE, and contrary to nature were GRAFTED INTO A CULTIVATED OLIVE TREE.” — Romans 11:24a (NIV)

Paul describes Gentile believers being grafted into ISRAEL'S CULTIVATED OLIVE TREE. The root supports us, not the other way around. We have received Israel's Scriptures, Israel's Messiah, and the covenant promises fulfilled through Him; therefore, we must reject arrogance. Paul's image is powerful: something wild is grafted into something cultivated. Being 'wild' isn't worthless; it's passionate but undisciplined. Potential without cultivation remains unproductive. Jesus loves us exactly where He finds us, but He loves us too much to leave us wild.

“You may start as a wild olive branch, but when you're grafted into the right tree, you'll grow the right fruit.”

Jesus did not merely teach a class; He created a culture. That culture was built around four powerful words:

FAITH

Faith grows when we practice what Jesus teaches. It isn't just doctrine to memorize; it's a life to live out by serving together.

FAMILY

49 “Pointing to His disciples, He said, ‘Here are My mother and My brothers. 50 For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.’” — Matthew 12:49-50 (NIV)

Spiritual family is a committed bond where we live as true brothers and sisters, not just attendees at a service.

FRIENDS

15 “I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I HAVE CALLED YOU FRIENDS, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you.” — John 15:15 (NIV)

Jesus calls us friends, inviting us into an intimate relationship where we witness His life and share in His mission.

FELLOWSHIP

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to FELLOWSHIP, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” — Acts 2:42 (NIV)

Fellowship is our shared life and mission in the essential community where we celebrate, bear burdens, and stay true to the Messiah.

8 “But you are not to let yourselves be called ‘Rabbi’; because you have ONE RABBI, and you are all each other’s BROTHERS.... 10 Nor are you to let yourselves be called ‘leaders,’ because you have ONE LEADER, and He is THE MESSIAH!” — Matthew 23:8, 10 (CJB)

Jesus rejected status-seeking religious ladders and instead cultivated a family of brothers, where He remains our only Rabbi and Leader.

In a Jesus culture, we serve one another: the mature train the immature, the strong carry the weak, and everyone remains teachable and accountable.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you REMAIN IN ME and I in you, you will BEAR MUCH FRUIT; apart from Me you can do nothing.” — John 15:5 (NIV)

Fruitfulness comes from connection, not just attendance; discipleship grafts you into the shared life where your gifts are developed, and your character is cultivated.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE CULTIVATED?

- *If my FAITH is shallow, I need deeper roots in Scripture and prayer.*
- *If my understanding of FAMILY is damaged, I need to learn how to belong without running when relationships become difficult.*
- *If I have no spiritual FRIENDS, I need to stop hiding behind independence and allow trustworthy people to know me.*
- *If I avoid FELLOWSHIP, I need to move from watching the community to participating in the community.*
- *If my gift is undeveloped, I need training; if my character is inconsistent, I need accountability; if my calling is unclear, I need proximity; and if I am passionate but unteachable, I need humility.*

You don't force a branch to produce fruit by demanding it; you connect it to the root, protect, prune, and nourish it. That is healthy discipleship. But fruit isn't just decoration—it carries the seed for the next generation. Jesus **CHOOSES** us. Jesus **CULTIVATES** us. Then Jesus **COMMISSIONS** us.

3. COMMISSION EVERY DISCIPLE TO MAKE MORE DISCIPLES

— Let what Jesus has formed in you be faithfully formed in someone else.

18 “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and MAKE DISCIPLES of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, even to the end of the age.” — Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)

The Commission begins with His authority, not our ability. We go because we belong to the One who possesses all authority; **HIS AUTHORITY SETTLES OUR AVAILABILITY.**

“Again Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, I AM SENDING YOU.’” — John 20:21 (NIV)

As the Father sent Jesus, He sends us. Every disciple participates in the **SENT MISSION**. We are sent to help people follow Jesus and reproduce His character. Discipleship is not spiritual manufacturing; it is relational formation—a life shared through prayer, Scripture, forgiveness, and active modeling. It is simply showing others how to follow Jesus by letting them see how we follow Him.

“A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is FULLY TRAINED will be like his teacher.” — Luke 6:40 (NIV)

“The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be QUALIFIED TO TEACH OTHERS.” — 2 Timothy 2:2 (NIV)

Multiplication is the goal: Paul trained Timothy, and Timothy trained others. Discipleship must never end with you. Your mission field is your home, workplace, and classroom. Look for the person asking questions or the younger believer watching your example. Ordinary interruptions are often divine assignments. You don't need a pulpit to make disciples; you need a testimony, compassion, and His presence. You were called to advance, not just attend.

“What Jesus Has Formed In Me Will Not End With Me.”

CALL TO ACTION: HOW TO MAXIMIZE THE MISSION

STEP ONE: CONSIDER YOUR CALLING CONFIRMED — *Follow in the footsteps of Jesus if you want to be fully trained*

STEP TWO: CULTIVATE THE CULTURE OF JESUS — *Learn how Jesus made disciples so you can follow His lead*

STEP THREE: COMMISSION YOUR LIFE TO MULTIPLY THE MISSION — *Make a decision that your life is going to make a difference as you multiply the cycles*

PRAYER DECLARATION

*“Abba Father, thank You for choosing us. Cultivate every untrained area of our lives and form us into a faithful spiritual family. We surrender our time, talent, treasure, and testimony. Commission us to serve and reach those You entrust to us. Let what You form in us help form someone else. We are **ALL IN—CHOSEN, CULTIVATED, and COMMISSIONED**. In the name of Jesus, Yeshua the Messiah. Amen.”*

THIS WEEK'S DEVOTIONAL TITLES FROM MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY:

Day 22 - Choose To Love People With Compassion

Day 23 - The Lord Chooses To Qualify The Unqualified

Day 24 - Cultivate A Jesus Culture Wherever You Go

Day 25 - Grafted In To Grow and Connected To Belong and Bear Fruit

Day 26 - Every Disciple Is Commissioned To Fulfill The Great Commission

Day 27 - Make Disciples Who Can Make More Disciples

Day 28 - How To Cultivate A Disciple-Making Culture