

The Making of A Good Father Part I

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Most Exciting Word(s) in Bible?

- **It's used 294x in NT alone**
- **Numerous other times in a phrase**
- **Many do not think it's exciting**
- **But, caused people to make drastic life changes in Scripture**
- **What is this word (or phrase of words)?**
- **Ready?**

“Disciple” or “Follow Me”



Matthew, Peter, etc.

Today: “Disciple” not exciting

- **Largely Misunderstood**

- **Definition:**

- Sunday School or Service

- **Priority:**

- Evangelism (make babies)
- Not qualified or Not called

- **Cost**

- Too busy
- Not willing to let go of xxxx (Luke 14:25-33)

How does God disciple us?

**(2 Corinthians 6:18) "I will be a
Father to you, and you will be my
sons and daughters, says the Lord
Almighty."**

Definition of “Disciple”

- **“What Makes a Good Father?”**
- **Noun**
 - **Follower (of Christ)**
- **Verb**
 - **“To learn, be taught, to learn by practice or experience, acquire a custom or habit”**
 - **Spiritual Fathering**

Look at “Noun” Disciple

- **Noun**
 - **Follower (of Christ)**
- **Exciting Because...**
 - **Story: Eagle with chicks**
 - **Belong**
 - **Purpose: There's more!**
 - **Story: Chick with Eaglets**
 - **You belong and you have a special purpose.**

Look at “Verb” Disciple

- **How Do I get there?**
- **Verb (Make Disciple)**
 - **“Spiritual Fathering” Implies actions/process**
 - **Harder but joy as a father is rewarding**
 - **Children stages**
 - **night: tuck in till 18 /morning**
 - **Hard but knows where we are going (Gen. – Cain/Abel/Seth)**

Look at “Verb” Disciple

- **Verb (Make Disciple)**
 - "To learn, be taught, to learn by practice or experience, acquire a custom or habit"
- **Two Aspects of “Spiritual Fathering”**
 - Learn by instruction
 - Learn by practice or experience (Modeling & Living)
 - Investment of life & relationship
 - Jesus & Samaritans

Fathering: Instruction & Living

Teach truths	Caring and Helping
Formal	Informal Interaction
Has curriculum	All Aspects of Life
Learn from his Teaching	Learn from his Life Example
Time for Teaching	Teaching from Everyday Life

Making Disciples

- **Special calling & Commission (Mat 28:18-20)**
- **Making Disciples cannot just be a program**
- **Caring and Love is the Key**
- **Each individual is unique**
- **Understand the different stage of life**
 - **Little children, young man, husband, father**
- **TF Discipleship Journey (Equipping Track) designed for such**

The TF Discipleship Journey is built upon foundation of relationship (i.e. Spiritual Fathering)

A training system designed to grow the Body of Christ to fulfill our purpose/mission.



TOUCH Family – We Value you

- **You belong**
- **You are created for a special purpose**
- **Discipling is “spiritual fathering”**
 - **We value you so much...**
as to invest our lives
- **Our desire is to see you grow into the fullness of what God has for you**
- **Not just sit & soak....**
- **“Come Follow Me” & “Go forth and make disciples...”**

Questions

