
Foreword by Dr. Tony Evans

To fail to make disciples is to fail to live yourself. To reproduce your faith in another person is the essence of the Christian life and Jesus' calling for every believer.

Replication is the key to effective discipleship. The Apostle Paul aptly said, "Imitate me as I imitate Christ." (1 Corinthians 4:16) As a man of faith replicates himself in the life of a younger believer, he fulfills his God-given responsibility for the generational transfer of faith.

It is every believer's duty. Our assignment from God is to love "one another," connect to "one another," restore "one another" and give "life-truths" to "one another." A disciple maker fulfills this high calling as he engages in a man's life, provides an example for the man to follow and teaches truth from the Word and how to apply this truth in his daily life.

The last letter in the Bible that Paul wrote before he died was written to his "true child in the faith", Timothy. In that letter Paul said, "You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." (2 Timothy 2:1-2) This is our heart and our passion. We want to entrust to faithful men like you the basics of the Christian faith and impart it so that you can "pass the baton" to another.

"One2Won Crosstraining" is a twenty-four week equipping process that will provide the elements of basic training that a Christ follower will need to fight and win "the good fight of faith" and have the ability to transfer that faith to another "faithful man".

If just two "faithful men" train another every six months and those four train four others and those eight train eight others, etc., etc., in just 5 years those two men could reach an entire community; in 9 years an entire city; in 14 years our nation and in 16 years those two men could reach the world! (Literally!)

Mutual Encouragement:

Yes, every man needs a "Paul" to help you to ascend to loftier peaks in your quest to know our Most High God and the wisdom of His Word. In equal proportion, every man needs a "Timothy" to invest in, to mentor, to serve and to s.c.u.b.a. dive deeper in the faith where the vivid underwater views unfold and true life change results. Both "Paul's" and "Timothy's" are encouraged in the process like no other encounters this side of heaven.

To "Timothy" it's the key to maturity in the faith. To "Paul" it is the key to fulfillment. Paul's words to the Romans describe this life-completing relationship well, "That I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine." (Romans 1:12)

Life Truth:

True discipleship is not another Bible study. Far from it! Nor is it a “weekly meeting” with a Bible in the middle of the table. “Loving a man to Jesus until he’s ready to love another man to Jesus” is a leg in a never-ending relay whereby the baton of the faith is passed with great personal care, unprecedented vulnerability, implicit trust, and life-on-life relationship. Again, the Apostle Paul describes true discipleship engagement to the church at Thessalonica, “Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.” (1 Thessalonians 2:8)

The Victor’s Crown:

Jesus’ final command to His disciples is His daily command to you and me. “Go ye therefore and make disciples.” As you devote your life to His passionate exhortation, you’ll be a vital player in the greatest movement in the history of mankind. Passing the baton of faith to the next generation is to run in the great eternal relay that will turn the heart of our world back to the God who created us. The prize for the winners is the “unfading crown of glory”—the victor’s crown and the proclamation of the Master Coach, “Well done thou good and faithful servant. Be rewarded and come into my rest.”