disciples, who when he left knew how to make disciples because they knew Jesus. Paul hadn't just told so they will be my them about Jesus. he'd introduced them to Jesus. The 11:19,20 NLT) Spirit lived with them. That's why the church didn't die when Paul got kicked out. The Spirit didn't leave, their relationship with Jesus didn't leave. They just had to grow up quickly.

Discipleship is one part of the LORD fulfilling his promise. This week lifestyle of in Ezekiel I read: "And I will give them singleness of heart and put a new Let us pray. spirit within them. I

will take away their stony, stubborn hearts and give then a tender responsive heart. people and I will be their God." (Ezek.

This week as I listen to Jesus. I hear him saying to me; "GO and MAKE DISCIPLES". Tim. don't seek to preserve people or things, go and breathe my life into them that they might follow, that they might be living this dynamic discipleship with me.

Jesus we hear your call, we want to go and live as your disciples. We want to go and make disciples. Flood our hearts and minds with the Spirit that as we know you intimately so that me can make you known. Open our eve. our minds. our hearts to your idea of discipleship. We want to be living this dynamic, passionate relationship you dave your life for us to share with you. Jesus we want to follow you whole heartedly.

8 September 2019 LISTENING TO GOD Discipleship The reading from pattern for other the Spirit seek to Jeremiah for todav people to imitate. walk with him. reminded me that As I focus on Jesus my relationship with and imitate him, I hope in this way we can all be God starts with other people are Jesus, not with me. able to follow my encouragements to example living as a each other, as What I do needs to together we seek to flow from Jesus. reflection of Jesus. walk closely with Jesus moulds me to his shape, not I'm reluctant to say; Jesus, living 'imitate me'. I know faithfully as his the other way around that I am all too disciples. imperfect and in That's the image need of Jesus' If I claim to be we have today grace and mercy. I Jesus disciple, where God is need Jesus to what is the obvious described as the shape me, to fill inference? That me, to lead me. potter and we the Jesus shapes what

because I know on I do. I'm trustina my own I'll miss the him with my life following his lead. mark. So my passion is to In life I'm constantly seek to follow chosen and marked Jesus, sharing all of to follow Jesus' life with him. To keep my focus on him that I might live choices or to follow faithfully as his disciple. My desire is to listen to Jesus

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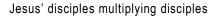
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faced with a choice: lead or not. To trust Jesus with my life someone else. This is lived out daily. Maybe that's why we pray for our

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daily bread, because daily we are faced with the choice to follow Jesus or not. This is not a one off event but a lifestyle. face. I trust Jesus with my life, with my living, with my choices. He is the one who shapes me.

So Paul doesn't sit back and think everything is done and dusted, rather; "Beloved. I do not made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I goal for the prize of Being open to the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:13,14)

the relationship he has with Jesus. daily. Daily looking forward to that great moment when Discipleship is a they meet face to

That's how relationships work; we can't live them in the past. We live them daily with

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each other, with the like you can't come consider that I have hope of a wonderful into the movie future together.

You can't live a relationship on past saying. It's more conversations, you need to be talking press on toward the daily. Sharing daily. listening daily. So discipleship is a daily activity, a daily team, dressed and relationship.

Paul isn't resting on That makes his past discipleship a achievements. but dynamic way of life. he's seeking to live You don't become

plaque on your wall and then forget about it. dynamic lifestyle. Notice what Jesus

a disciple, put a

said about discipleship today: "You cannot be my disciple if you do not carry your own cross and follow me." (Luke 14:27)

> Don't hear this as a demand.

theatre without a ticket. That's not what Jesus is like, if you want to play football you can't do it from the grandstand, you need to be on the around, in the ready for action.

I can call myself a footballer all I like. but until I get out of the grandstand and onto the ground, what am I?

Jesus calls us to follow him, to a life of discipleship. He shapes us and the way we live, that's carrying the cross. Our life fits his pattern, the pattern of the cross.

That's listening to Father, so that you can do his will. That's seeina life through Jesus' eyes as he saw life Taking up the cross bedrock; "As the through Father's eves. To the people shaped by Jesus. at the foot of the cross Jesus looked like a failure. a pretender, they had law I have to follow exposed this fraud. But they were wrong: they didn't have the eves to see life through Father's eyes.

In the cross Jesus The fact that wins the victory. discipleship is a Through the cross dynamic lifestyle is Jesus wins brought home in forgiveness, eternal the word; 'Follow'. I

life, a renewed relationship with God based on his love. We now see our heavenly Father who is prepared to sacrifice everything so that we might share life with him. growing to maturity as his child.

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can't follow and not move. I can't follow Jesus by seeking to preserve the past not allowing any change. That's almost the opposite: discipleship is dynamic, fluid, following Jesus. And Jesus' goal is to follow his Father, doing Father's will. That's why for

me these words of Jesus are Father has sent me, I am sending you!" (John 20:21NIV)

When I look at Paul I see a person who went out and told people about Jesus. In fact vou couldn't shut him up. Kick him out of one town and what do you find him doing in the very next town; telling people about Jesus, making