**AN INCONVENIENT PRIVILEGE**

THE JESUS DISCIPLE VISION

July 22–23, 2023 @ The Rock Anaheim

**Matthew 28:19–20 (NIV)** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**LET’S BE HONEST… THE GREAT COMMISSION IS NOT CONVENIENT… IN FACT… IT’S A SACRIFICE.**

**ISN’T THAT WHAT JESUS DID TO REACH THE WORLD… HE SACRIFICED HIMSELF.**

**AND JESUS ASKS US TO SACRIFICE OURSELVES… HE SAID IN**

**Matthew 16:24 (NKJV)** “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

**IN ACTS 5… THE 12 APOSTLES OF JESUS WERE ARRESTED FOR DOING WHAT JESUS IS CALLING US TO DO… TO SHARE THE GOSPEL AND MAKE DISCIPLES… AND HERE’S WHAT IT SAYS IN…**

**Acts 5:40–41 (NKJV)** And when they had called for the apostles and **beaten them**, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. **41** So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.

**A TRUE “HERO STORY”… NORTH VIETNAM: BROTHER DA**

*Brother Da was a faithful Communist Party member in North Vietnam when he first heard the Christian programs on his shortwave radio. At first he rejected the ideas as stupid superstition, but after two months of listening, he could no longer resist Christ. He was excited about his love for God, and it seemed to overwhelm his heart. He soon won many of his neighbors to Christ.*

*But his excitement was short-lived. On December 29, 1998, ­Vietnamese police, angered by Da’s evangelistic activities, raided his house and led him out at gunpoint. His wife and four children could only watch as he was taken away to a prison camp.*

*In the crudely constructed labor camp, Da was forced to work in the brick factory. Every day meant carrying another two thousand bricks. If Da did not meet his quota, he was brutally beaten. Just when he thought he could not take the labor anymore, he was released on October 15, 2000.*

*Still under house arrest, Da was again ordered to stop sharing his faith. He was told, “You have just returned from labor camp. Do you want to go back? Think carefully.”*

*But Da was committed to a “labor of love” for God, and he continued his work of sharing Christ with those around him. No physical labor—even carrying two thousand bricks a day—could deter him.*

**Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

**JESUS HAS CALLED US ALL TO FIGHT FOR THE ETERNITIES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE NATIONS.**

1. **On May 9, 2023 I heard the Lord speak from Joshua 10**

**Joshua 10:5–7, 10, & 28–42 (NKJV)** Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon, gathered together and went up, they and all their armies, and camped before Gibeon and made war against it… **VERSE 7** So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor. **… VERSE 10** The Lord routed them before Israel **…**

**AND LET ME GIVE YOU THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEXT 31 VERSES… JOSHUA AND ISRAEL DEFEATED ARMY AFTER ARMY… AND TOOK CITY AFTER CITY AND TERRITORY AFTER TERRITORY… JOSHUA AND ISRAEL DEFEATED THE ARMIES OF THE CITIES AND TERRITORIES OF:**

* **AZEKAH**
* **MAKKEDAH**
* **BETH HORON**
* **LIBNAH**
* **LACHISH**
* **GEZER**
* **EGLON**
* **HEBRON**
* **DEBIR**
* **THE MOUNTAIN COUNTRY**
* **THE SOUTH**
* **THE LOWLAND**
* **THE WILDERNESS SLOPES**
* **ALL THE TERRITORY FROM KADESH BARNEA AS FAR AS GAZA**
* **AND ALL THE COUNTRY OF GOSHEN**

**VERSE 42** All these kings and their land Joshua took **at one time**, because the Lord God of Israel fought for Israel.

* **I WROTE THIS IN MY JOURNAL AND SHARED IT WITH OUR LEADERS: MAY 9, 2023 “THE LORD IS CALLING US TO MOVE QUICKLY, AND TO TAKE MUCH TERRITORY. HE IS FIGHTING FOR US. WE MUST TAKE THESE TERRITORIES WITH PRAYER, AND WE MUST TAKE THEM WITH ACTIONS OF FAITH. GOD IS GOING TO GIVE US MANY TERRITORIES THAT WE DIDN’T KNOW WE COULD POSSESS.”**
1. **BRIEF HISTORY**
	* **WHEN I WAS 18… MY LIFE WAS TRANSFORMED THROUGH A DISCIPLESHIP PROCESS… AND WITHOUT ANY TRAINING… I BEGAN DISCIPLING OTHER PEOPLE… I WANTED THEM TO EXPERIENCE THE SAME JESUS… THE SAME FORGIVENESS… THE SAME FREEDOM… THE SAME CONFIDENCE THAT JESUS GAVE ME.**

**JESUS SAID…**

**Matthew 10:8 (NKJV)**Freely you have received, freely give.

* + **I BECAME A JR HIGH PASTOR AT AGE 20… AND THEN A FULL-TIME YOUTH PASTOR AT AGE 21… I SOON FOUND AND BEGAN USING DISCIPLE SYSTEMS TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF THE YOUTH… MY YOUNGER BROTHER DAVID WAS ONE OF THOSE EARLY DISCIPLES…**
	+ **BUT WHEN I WAS 26 YEARS OLD… I WROTE MY OWN DISCIPLESHIP SYSTEM… THE YEAR WAS [1991] I WROTE A FIVE-LEVEL DISCIPLESHIP SYSTEM FOR YOUTH CALLED “OPERATION ATTACK. KIMBERLY TYPED IT ON A TYPEWRITER… AND WE MADE COPIES OF THE PAGES ON A COPY MACHINE… AND GUESS WHAT… MANY TEENAGERS WERE BEING CHANGED BY DISCIPLESHIP.**
	+ **IN JANUARY 1999 GOD SPOKE TO ME, SAYING, “I WANT YOU TO PLANT A CHURCH THIS YEAR.”**
	+ **THAT SAME YEAR GOD LED US TO THIS BUILDING WE’RE IN TODAY, AND WE BEGAN THE PROCESS OF PLANTING THE ROCK…. AND OUR GRAND OPENING WAS APRIL 2000**
	+ **THEN… AT AGE 38… GOD LED ME TO WRITE MY [2003] SECOND DISCIPLESHIP SYSTEM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE ROCK CALLED OPERATION SOLID LIVES (OSL).**
	+ **LITTLE DID I KNOW HOW GOD WOULD USE OSL TO DISCIPLE PEOPLE:**
		- **IN SEVERAL HUNDRED CHURCHES IN THE US**
		- **HUNDREDS OF CHURCHES AROUND THE WORLD**
	+ **SO FAR…**
		- **OSL HAS BEEN PHYSICALLY TAKEN TO AT LEAST 35 NATIONS OF THE WORLD AND HAS SEEN TENS OF THOUSANDS OF GRADUATES.**
	+ **GOD HAS USED OSL TO STRENGTHEN THE ROCK… AND MANY OTHER CHURCHES.**
	+ **IN JANUARY 2020… GOD CLEARLY SPOKE TO ME AND SAID, “START PUSHING THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH DOWN INTO HOMES,” SO I BEGAN WORKING AND PRAYING TO LEARN THIS NEW APPROACH GOD HAS CALLED US TO.**
	+ **I DISCOVERED THAT THIS NEW APPROACH REQUIRES A NEW WAY OF DISICPLING PEOPLE**
	+ **SO NOW… 20 YEARS LATER… GOD HAS CALLED ME TO WRITE A THIRD DISCIPLESHIP SYSTEM.**
	+ **MY FIRST DISCIPLESHIP SYSTEM WAS DESIGNED FOR YOUTH… AND IT REACHED HUNDREDS… MY SECOND DISCIPLESHIP SYSTEM WAS DESIGNED FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE ROCK… AND IT HAS REACHED TENS OF THOUSANDS… BUT NOW… GOD HAS LED ME TO ASSEMBLE A TEAM OF EXPERIENCED AND MATURE LEADERS TO HELP ME DESIGN A NEW DISCIPLESHIP SYSTEM…THIS TIME… FOR THE NATIONS… AND… IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES… AND I’M CONVINCED IT WILL REACH HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS… AND POSSIBLY MILLIONS OF PEOPLE.**
	+ **IT’S CALLED… JESUS DISCIPLE…**
	+ **INSTEAD OF REQUIRING COSTLY BOOKS… THE NEW JESUS DISCIPLESHIP WILL BE AVAILABLE FREE RIGHT ON YOUR MOBILE PHONE… TABLET… OR A WEBSITE.**
	+ **NOW… LAST YEAR… I RELEASED A MINI-BOOK BY THAT NAME… BUT I’M TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING NEW…**
	+ **AND LET ME TELL YOU HOW WE KNOW THAT GOD’S HAND IS ON JESUS DISCIPLE… NOT ONLY DO WE HAVE HUNDREDS OF OPPORTUNITY RIGHT HERE IN THE UNITED STATES… BUT GOD IS ALREADY OPENING DOORS TO THE NATIONS:**
		- **GREAT BRITAIN**
		- **WESTERN AUSTRALIA**
		- **NEW ZEALAND**
		- **SOUTH INDIA**
		- **NORTH INDIA**
		- **SRI LANKA**
		- **PAKISTAN**
		- **THE PHILIPPINES**
		- **THE SOUTH PACIFIC**
		- **SPAIN**
		- **EUROPE**
		- **MEXICO**
		- **TWO (UNDISCLOSED) MIDDLE-EASTERN NATIONS**
		- **POSSIBLY THAILAND**

**JUDGES 11:24 (NKJV) (JEPHTHAH) WHATEVER THE LORD OUR GOD TAKES POSSESSION OF BEFORE US, WE WILL POSSESS.**

* + **WE’VE GOT ABOUT 20 BETA TEST GROUPS IT RIGHT NOW… IN THREE NATIONS**
	+ **I’M EVEN LEADING A BETA TEST GROUP WITH TWO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.**
	+ **WE ARE ON TRACK TO OFFICIALLY LAUNCH VERSION ONE AT THE “JESUS DISCIPLE CONFERENCE” … SEPTEMBER 14–16**
	+ **AND THIS IS GOING TO BE VERY DIFFERENT THAN THE LAUNCH OF OSL… LET ME SHARE OUR LAUNCH VISION FOR JESUS DISCIPLE. WE WANT TO SEE JESUS DISCIPLE IN 5 LANGUAGES… AND IN 10 NATIONS… IN ONE YEAR!**
	+ **ALL THIS TERRITORY JOSHUA TOOK AT ONE TIME!**
	+ **WILL YOU HELP ME?**
		- **MISSIONARIES**
		- **VIDEOGRAPHERS**
		- **VIDEO EDITORS**
		- **GRAPHIC ARTISTS**
		- **LAYOUT DESIGNERS**
		- **ADMINISTRATORS**
		- **PROJECT MANAGERS**
		- **LEADERS**
		- **DISCIPLESHIP GROUP LEADERS**
		- **COACHES**
		- **PRAYER**
		- **FUNDING**

**NEXT WEEK WE’LL HAVE SIGN-UPS FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WANT TO JOIN THE JESUS DISCIPLE CORE TEAM**

**ANOTHER TRUE “HERO STORY”… PHILIPPINES: A YOUNG GIRL** *"My dress," the young girl murmured, her words slurred through swollen lips. "Please give me my dress. I want to hold it."

The Christians surrounding the girl's bed were sad. Because of her extensive internal injuries, doctors could do nothing for her. Weeks ago, the believers had bought her a white dress to celebrate her new life and pure heart in Christ Jesus.

Her father had not been pleased with his daughter's decision to follow Christ. One night, in a drunken rage, he attacked his daughter, beating and kicking her. He left her lying in the muddy street to die.

When she did not show up for church, her Christian friends went looking for her. They found the girl unconscious, lying in a heap, her formerly snow white dress now covered in blood and mud. She was brought to a doctor, but her injuries were severe.

Now she was asking for her dress. "The dress is ruined," her friends told her. They tried to talk her out of it, thinking that seeing the ruined dress would break down the girl's spirit.

With the simple faith of a ten-year-old, she whispered, "Please, I want to show the dress to Jesus. He was willing to bleed for me. I just want Jesus to know that I was willing to bleed for him."

Shortly afterwards, the young girl died.*

**BY THE WAY… THESE TRUE STORIES OF HEROES ARE IN THE NEW JESUS’ DISCIPLESHIP.**

**FRIENDS… MORE THAN EVER BEFORE GOD IS CALLING US TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS… AND MY TEAM AND I ARE WORKING TIRELESSLY TO SEE THAT HAPPEN… WILL YOU HELP US?**

**SO LET ME ASK AGAIN… WILL YOU HELP ME? TO TAKE DISCIPLESHIP TO THE NATIONS… IT’S GOING TO REQUIRE AN INVESTMENT OF TIME AND MONEY.**

* + **[OSLONLINE.COM] OVER 10 YEARS AGO WE SPENT OVER $100,000 TO DEVELOP OSLONLINE.COM… IN ENGLISH ONLY… AND WE HAVE SEEN THOUSANDS OF GRADUATES FROM 117 NATIONS THROUGH THAT WEB APP.**
	+ **AND WE’VE SPENT AT LEAST $200,000 ON OSL OVERALL… AND HAVE HAD TENS OF THOUSANDS OF GRADUATES.**
	+ **SO… TO BRING JESUS DISCIPLE INTO 5 LANGUAGES AND 10 NATIONS… CONSIDERING THE COST OF DEVELOPMENT… WE’LL NEED ABOUT $500,000.**

**I’M ASKING FOR TWO THINGS TODAY… NEXT WEEK WE’LL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO SIGN UP FOR THINGS… BUT TODAY I’M ASKING IF YOU’LL PRAY AND IF YOU’LL BEGIN GIVING TOWARD THIS PROJECT.**

**MAYBE YOU NEED TO PRAY FOR MONEY TO GIVE.**

**KIMBERLY AND I GAVE $10,000. TOWARD THIS TODAY… WE WERE SAVING THAT MONEY FOR SOMETHING ELSE… BUT THIS IS MORE IMPORTANT.**

**TO MAKE IT EASY TO GIVE TOWARD THIS PROJECT… WE PUT A BLUE “JESUS DISCIPLE” GIVING BUTTON ON THE GIVING PAGE… AS SOON AS YOU SELECT “GIVE” ON EITHER THE ROCK APP OR ON ON GOTOTHEROCK.COM… YOU’LL SEE THE BLUE “JESUS DISCIPLE” BUTTON.**

**SO LET ME ASK AGAIN… WILL YOU HELP ME? I’M ASKING EVERYONE TO PLEASE DO SOMETHING SACRIFICIAL TO TAKE JESUS DISCIPLE TO THE NATIONS… AND ALSO… RIGHT HERE INTO OUR OWN BACKYARD.**

**FAST AND EARNESTLY PRAY WITH US THAT GOD WILL HELP US TO ACCOMPLISH THIS VISION.**

**Matthew 9:37–38 (NKJV)**Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.  **38**  Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

**PRAYER OF AGREEMENT (LET’S STAND):**

“FATHER, WE ASK IN AGREEMENT THAT YOU WILL HELP US CARRY OUT OUR PART OF THE GREAT COMMISSION. GIVE US ALL THE WISDOM WE NEED, ALL THE LABORERS WE NEED, ALL THE TECHNOLOGY WE NEED, ALL THE MONEY WE NEED, AND ALL THE PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND EMOTIONAL STRENGTH NEED. HELP US LAUNCH JESUS DISCIPLESHIP BY SEPTEMBER 14 IN BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH. WE ASK THIS IN JESUS’ NAME, AMEN.”

**FOR NEXT WEEK’S ANNOUNCEMENT…**

* + **TO SIGN UP… YOU CAN DO ONE OF THREE THINGS…**
		- **ON THE ROCK APP, CLICK ON THE BANNER THAT SAYS, “HELP TAKE JESUS DISCIPLE TO THE NATIONS**
		- **OR… ON OUR WEBSITE… GOTOTHEROCK.COM… CLICK THE BANNER ON THE TOP THAT SAYS… “SIGN UP HERE TO HELP TAKE JESUS DISCIPLE TO THE NATIONS”**
		- **OR… ON THE NEXT SCREEN YOU’LL SEE A QR CODE THAT YOU CAN POINT YOUR PHONE CAMERA TOWARD… THEN CLICK THE LINK THAT POPS UP.**