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Principle #1

Discipleship happens in proximity to Jesus!

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whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

1 John 2:6 ESV

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Principle #2

Discipleship leads to transformation; but transformation is often a struggle.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30]For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:29-30 ESV

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John 1:43-51 ESV

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[43]The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee.
He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.”
[44]Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of
Andrew and Peter.

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[45]Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

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“Jesus finds Philip. Philip, in turn, finds Nathaniel, and says ‘we found him’. But it is intriguing to ask the very simple question: who really finds who? Christians frequently say they found Christ or found faith, but from Jesus’ perspective in these stories, it alters such a self-centered view of salvation. It was not Jesus who was lost!”

Gerald Borchert

“People who are naturally religious find difficulty in understanding the horror of such a revelation. Amiable agnostics will talk cheerfully about ‘man’s search for God.’ To me, as I then was, they might as well have talked about the mouse’s search for the cat.”

C S Lewis

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1. He’s Pursuing
2. He’s Personal

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[46]Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good
come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him,
“Come and see.” [47]Jesus saw Nathanael
coming toward him and said of him, “Behold,
an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no
deceit!”

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[48]Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”

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“When we lift our inward eyes to gaze upon God we are sure to meet friendly eyes gazing back at us, for it is written that the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout all the earth. The sweet language of personal experience is “Thou God seest me.” When the eyes of the soul looking out meet the eyes of God looking in, heaven has begun right here on this earth.”

A W Tozer

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[49]Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”

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50 Jesus answered him, “Because I said to
you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe?
You will see greater things than these.” 51 And he
said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see
heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending
and descending on the Son of Man.”

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11 And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep.

Genesis 28:11-12 ESV

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[12] And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!

Genesis 28:11-12 ESV

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