



CASE STUDY OF DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

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Like father, like son.

When people encounter
important events in their lives,
**they reflect the same behavior
that they saw from their parents
while growing up.**

There's an important principle of discipleship
behind this proverb

"So be on your guard!
Remember that for three years
I never stopped warning each of you night and
day with tears...
In everything I did, I showed you that by this
kind of hard work we must help the weak. "

(Acts 20:31, 35a)

**Why did Paul tell them to
remember him?**

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He knew the principle of discipleship training,
“Like father like son”.

Because at the decisive moment he knew that his disciples would follow what they saw and heard from their spiritual father of faith.

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**„ What did I learn from the
Lord all that time in Bolivia?“**

PRINCIPLES I'VE LEARNED WHILE FOLLOWING THE LORD

1. Two visions from God
2. “Hold on to God’s Word in my heart then, the Lord will do His work”
3. “Faith in God who provides is the most basic faith”
4. “In all things God works for the good of those who love him”
5. “Serve one family with unceasing hope to the end”
6. “Desire the Cross of glory”
7. “The Lord protects and bless His servant’s children”

TWO VISIONS FROM GOD

*“And afterward, I will pour out My Spirit on all people
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
Your old men will dream dreams,
Your young men will see visions”*

Joel 2:28

The Glory of a Lay-out Missionary Life

“Nor did we eat anyone’s food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate”

2 Thes 3:8,9

I grew up listening to the early morning prayers of my mother. When I was about 15 years old, my mother and a few members of the church pioneered a new church.

But the pastor in charge had feelings for my oldest sister and demanded marriage saying that it was God's will.

Our family was against it and after he was expelled from the church, he repeatedly came at midnight singing hymns loudly in front of our house. Later on we found out that he was divorced and had children. Every time he came to sing hymns in front of my house I was greatly embarrassed.

I also developed anger against the hypocrite paid Christian leaders. For this reason I took the firm decision that I would never have to do anything with a paid religious profession, but that I would live as a true lay-out Christian.

God led me to UBF during my 3rd year of university. Although I was very rebellious at the beginning, the way the UBF lay out missionaries lived caught my heart.

And the Apostle Paul's Tent Maker Spirit became
my core value.

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The Wonderfully Transformed New Life in Jesus

“ (...) well done, good and faithful servant! (..;)”

Matt 25:23

At the most important time of studies, during my junior and senior year of high school, I was in a triangle relationship with one young girl.

I couldn't concentrate. As result, I couldn't go to the university I wanted to. I had to take another year to prepare for college when my rival got into medical school. Then I had no other choice but to give her up.

This became a deep wound in my heart. Sometimes I was so sad and defeated and said
“If only I had another chance,
I wouldn’t live such a foolish life...”

But after I met Jesus I realized that I wasn't a loser. In Jesus no matter how many times we humanly fail, **we have the final exam when we stand in front of the Lord after we die.**

- "good and faithful servant..." = true winner.
- In Jesus we can be missionaries whom even the angels admire and become the heroes in God's work.
- Although I was a failure in the world, a new story in Jesus began in me.

2

HOLD ON TO GOD'S WORD, AND THE LORD WILL DO HIS WORK

"Very truly truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds"

John 12:24





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- Jesus became a kernel of wheat that died
- No matter the outward circumstances
- Hold on to God's word by faith
- God does His work

3

FAITH IN GOD WHO PROVIDES
IS THE MOST BASIC FAITH





- **Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob faced material problems**
- **God allows material problems**
- **Experience God's faithfulness who feeds and clothes fully**
- **I was able to serve poor Bolivian sheep**

4

IN ALL THINGS GOD WORKS
FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE
WHO LOVE HIM



**“And we know that in all things
God works for the good of those who love him,
who have been called according to his purpose.”**

(Romans 8:28)



- **The Lord use situation of death to manifest power of resurrection**
- **God works all situations for our good**

5

SERVE ONE FAMILY WITH
UNCESAING HOPE TO THE END



- The Lord helped Judas Iscariot until the end
- Love and Patience are the core of Jesus' disciple ministry
- Core of discipleship training: serve one person to the end with God's hope

6

DESIRE THE CROSS OF GLORY





- **Jesus bore the cross patiently and silently**
- **The suffering I go through are small parts of joining in His suffering.**
- **Understand the love of Christ on the Cross.**
- **People and situation are no longer important.**
- **Desire not to live comfortably but to suffer for the Lord**

7

THE LORD PROTECTS AND BLESS
HIS SERVANT'S CHILDREN



Maria



Ester



Daniel

Maria



Maria and Joel

Ester in College





Daniel & Daniela's wedding

- **God thought of Abraham and guided his son Isaac. He thought of Isaac and guided his son Jacob.**
- **He remembered the covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and guided their descendants, Israel.**
- **God takes His servants' children, sets them apart, protects them, blesses them and guides them**

Seven House Churches



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First Missionary from Bolivia



Sh. Hannah is
preparing to go as
missionary to
Paraguay



Preparing to pioneer Cochabamba, one of the three most important cities in Bolivia

Sunday Worship Service



Transfer of leadership



Attendants go over 50

Repentance and Prayer Topics

1. Repentance of my life as an imitator of Jesus
2. Repentance of my attitude towards Bolivian sheep
3. Prayers for a full-time shepherd

Repentance
and prayer
topics

**First, I repent from not resembling
Jesus' leadership**

“Are the disciples in Bolivia really
influential leaders in this generation?”

Repentance
and prayer
topics

**Second, I repent from looking down
on Bolivian sheep many times**

Many times, I was angry and even yelled at the sheep whenever I saw their sin problem. I also pray to repent.

Repentance
and prayer
topics

**Third, I pray to raise up a full-time
servant of God in Bolivia**

For God's work to grow, we need a full-time
shepherd who can serve the ministry fully

**How could the Lord change
people in three years?**

Mystery of God's creation work



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- The Lord called his disciples and said, 'Follow me'.
- They saw Jesus personally and learned
- They walked with joy the way of the Cross.





- Jesus changed their lives
- The Lord does the same in our lives
- When we remember and follow Jesus we become true disciples
- We can raise disciples



A scenic view of a grassy cliffside overlooking the ocean at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow over the water and the sky. The text "THANK YOU" is overlaid in a bold, italicized, golden-yellow font. The entire scene is framed by a thick, orange-yellow border.

THANK YOU