

Think ONE
Living with Eternal Impact
John 1:43-51

Each week we have been learning how to Live Out the gospel in tangible ways towards the people all around us...

01/09 – Living On Purpose (Acts 8:26-40)

01/16 – Living with Spiritual Influence (2 Kings 5:1-5)

01/23 – Living Out the Goodness of Jesus (Luke 4:38-41)

01/30 – Living with Eternal Impact (John 1:43-51)

Through each message we have been focusing on this truth regarding Think ONE...

Think ONE is about INTENTIONAL living!

Intentional living is simply coming to an awareness that we are part of God’s advancing Kingdom and He INVITES us to join Him in His ADVANCEMENT

We are living in CRAZY times...

It seems difficult to know what to do...

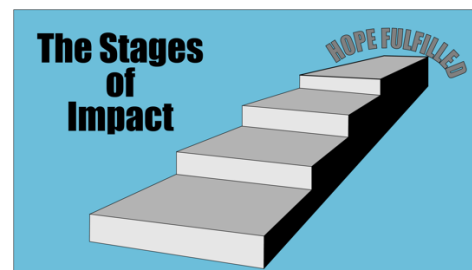
But I want to bring us back to some BASICS...

ONE THING

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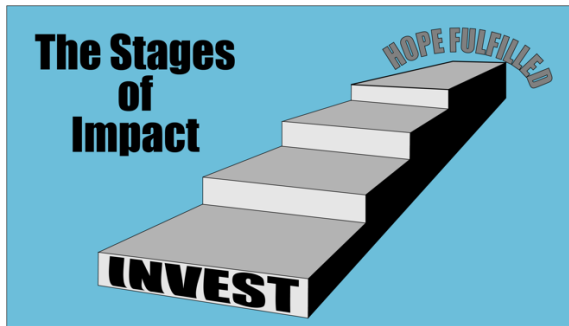
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Church historian, Michael Green estimates...

“Eighty percent or more of evangelism in the early church was done not by ministers or evangelists, but by ordinary Christians explaining themselves to . . . their network of relatives and close associates.”

- **Michael Green**

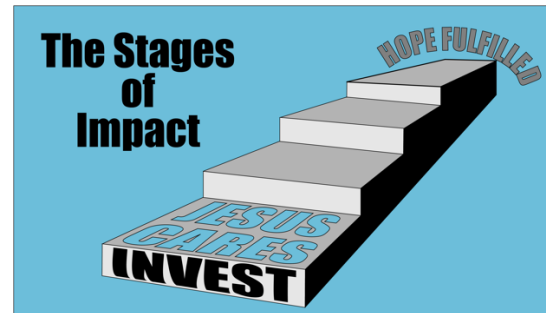
Now here is an important question...

How do we know the ones who are seeking hope?

We don't! But Jesus does! And guess what...

➤ **Jesus CARES!**

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He then urges us to “intentionally adopt ‘missional living’” in our daily lives and relationships. He adds the insight of Alan Noble in *Disruptive Witness*: people in our day are more open to considering Christianity when reading or watching stories and narratives that witness to Christian insights during times of stress, disappointment, difficulty, or suffering.

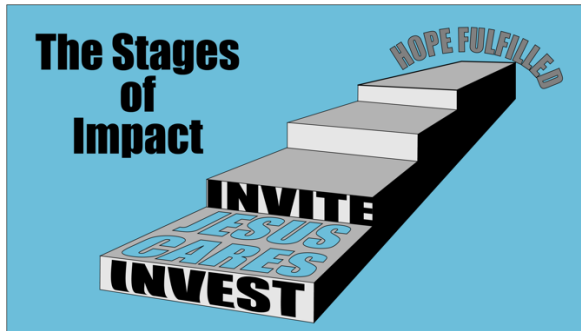
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So, who is Nathanael?

Nathanael was from Cana in Galilee...

John 21:2 (ESV) — Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together.

There was about 3.78 miles distance between Cana and Nazareth...

So when Nathanael said, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” he had knowledge of Nazareth...

Though Cana was a small village, Nazareth was even smaller...

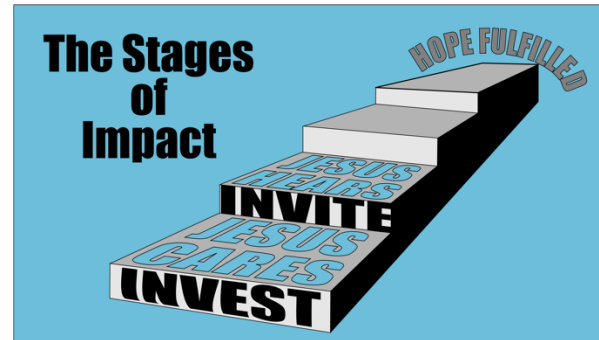
Also, the fact that Philip, in referring to Jesus, calls Him, “Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph”

This may have been a way for Philip to help better identify Jesus.

Being from such a short distance away, it was possible that Nathanael may have known about Joseph the carpenter from Nazareth...

➤ **Jesus HEARS!**

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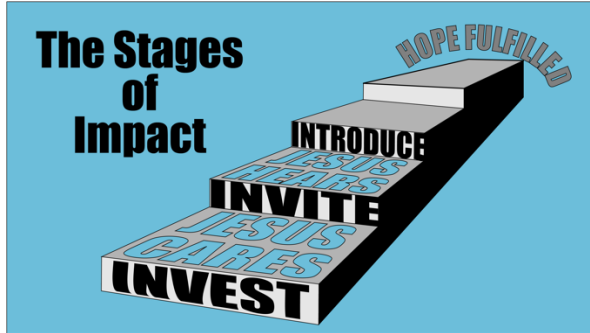
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In Jewish times rabbis and students of Scripture would go under fig trees to study and contemplate...

When a Jewish rabbi said that he was going to the fig tree, he was telling others that he was going to study and contemplate Scripture...

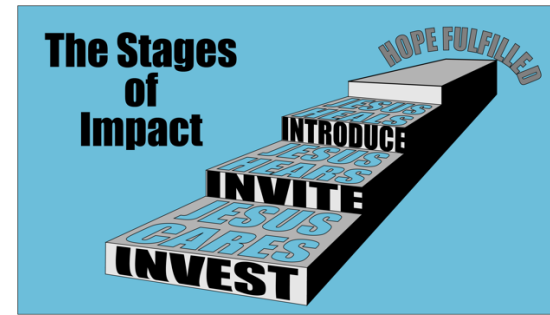
No one fully knows what Jesus' conversation with Nathanael actually meant, but Philip understood!

Whatever Nathanael was doing under that fig tree it almost certainly had to do with...

- *Jacob's dream (Genesis 28)*
- *Some deeply personal burden with Nathanael*

➤ *Jesus HEALS!*

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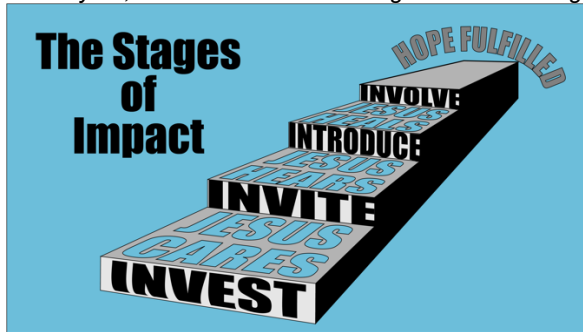
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Matthew 10:2–3 (ESV) — The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus

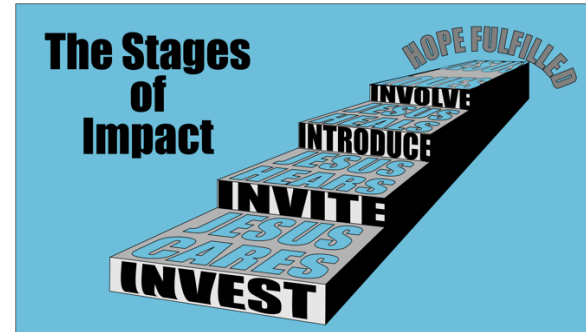
Mark 3:18 (ESV) — Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot

Luke 6:14 (ESV) — Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew

He is also mentioned as one of the 120 in the Upper Room following Jesus' ascension...

➤ **Jesus LOVES!**

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Nathanael also known as Bartholomew, was looking for HOPE...

He was looking for a life that mattered...

He was wanting something he never dreamed Jesus would provide...

So how did his life work out?

After the ascension of Jesus, the disciples divided up the world and set out to take the Good News of Jesus globally...

Philip and Bartholomew headed towards Hierapolis, which is located in Turkey...

- **Hierapolis is just across the river from Laodicea**
- **Philip was crucified there by the pagan priests**

Nathanael left there and headed to Armenia, where he was joined with another disciple, Thaddaeus...

Under Nathanael, the gospel penetrated every facet of Armenian life except the stronghold of local pagan religious leaders...

The pagan priests joined forces with the king's brother in an attempt to solidify their power...

They had Nathanael arrested, whipped, and then his skin was almost entirely flayed from his body...

Since he was not yet dead, they had him then crucified on a cross...

→ Pic – Nathanael/Bartholomew in Sistine Chapel

→ Michelangelo self portrait



As gruesome as his death was, Nathanael had certainly found in Jesus the hope he had been longing for...

I am SOMEONE'S next DIVINE encounter!

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_____ and _____ into _____.

1. _____ – *People are seeking* _____.

➤ *Jesus* _____!

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