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GETTING PERSONAL ABOUT FOLLOWING JESUS



A group of hikers with backpacks walking on a dirt trail through a forest. The hikers are seen from behind, moving away from the camera. The forest is dense with tall trees and sunlight filtering through the canopy. The overall tone is warm and natural.

Our Mission

To make disciples who make disciples

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JOHN 3:16

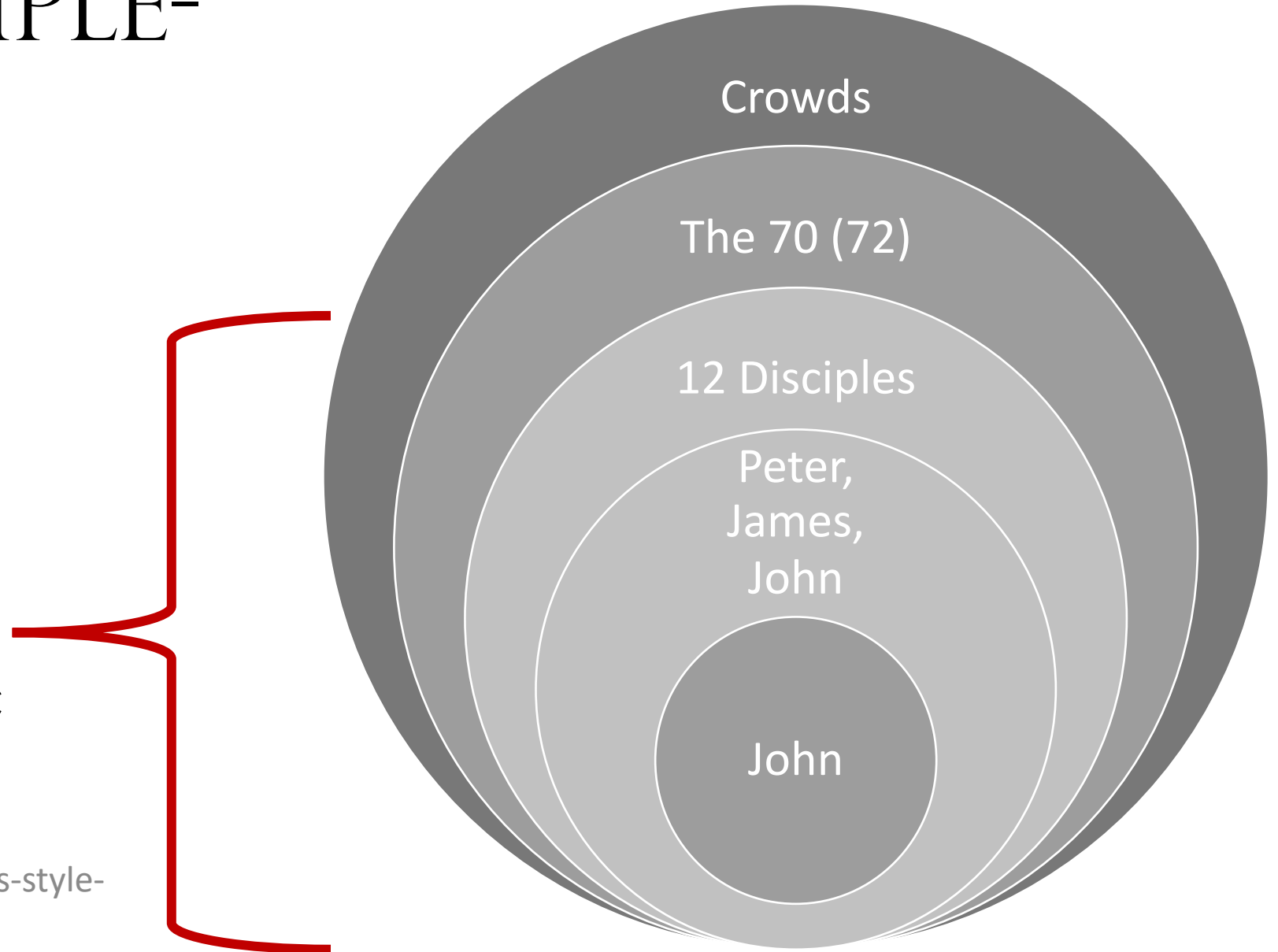
FOR GOD SO **LOVED**
THE WORLD THAT HE
GAVE HIS ONLY SON

JESUS' DISCIPLE- MAKING CONTEXTS

*Estimate:
65-90% of
Jesus' Time**

*Cited in:

<https://discipleship.org/blog/jesus-style-disciple-making/>





What if that changed?

*What if we focused the majority of our
time & efforts on the primary strategy
Jesus used & modeled?*

What would happen?

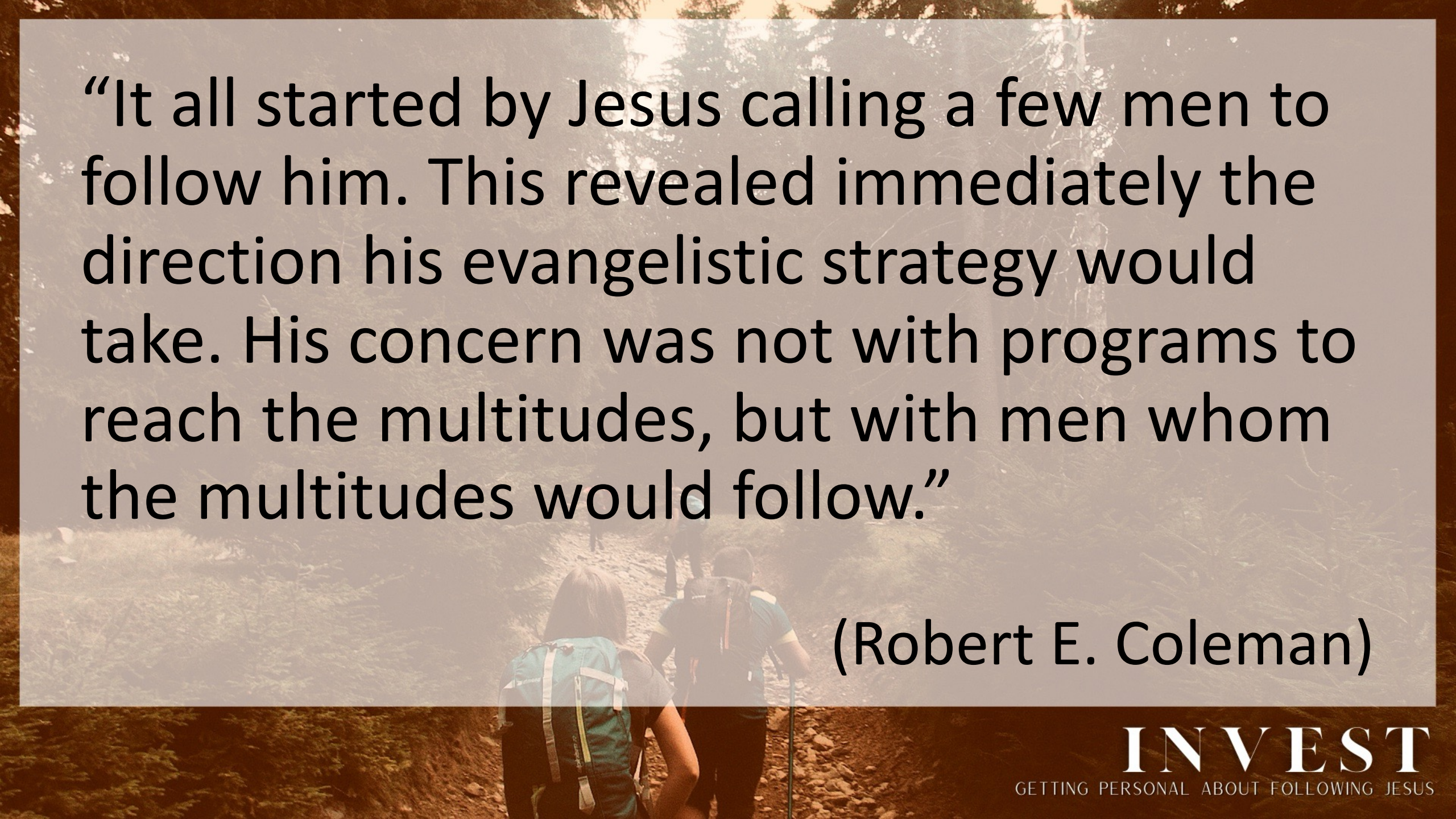
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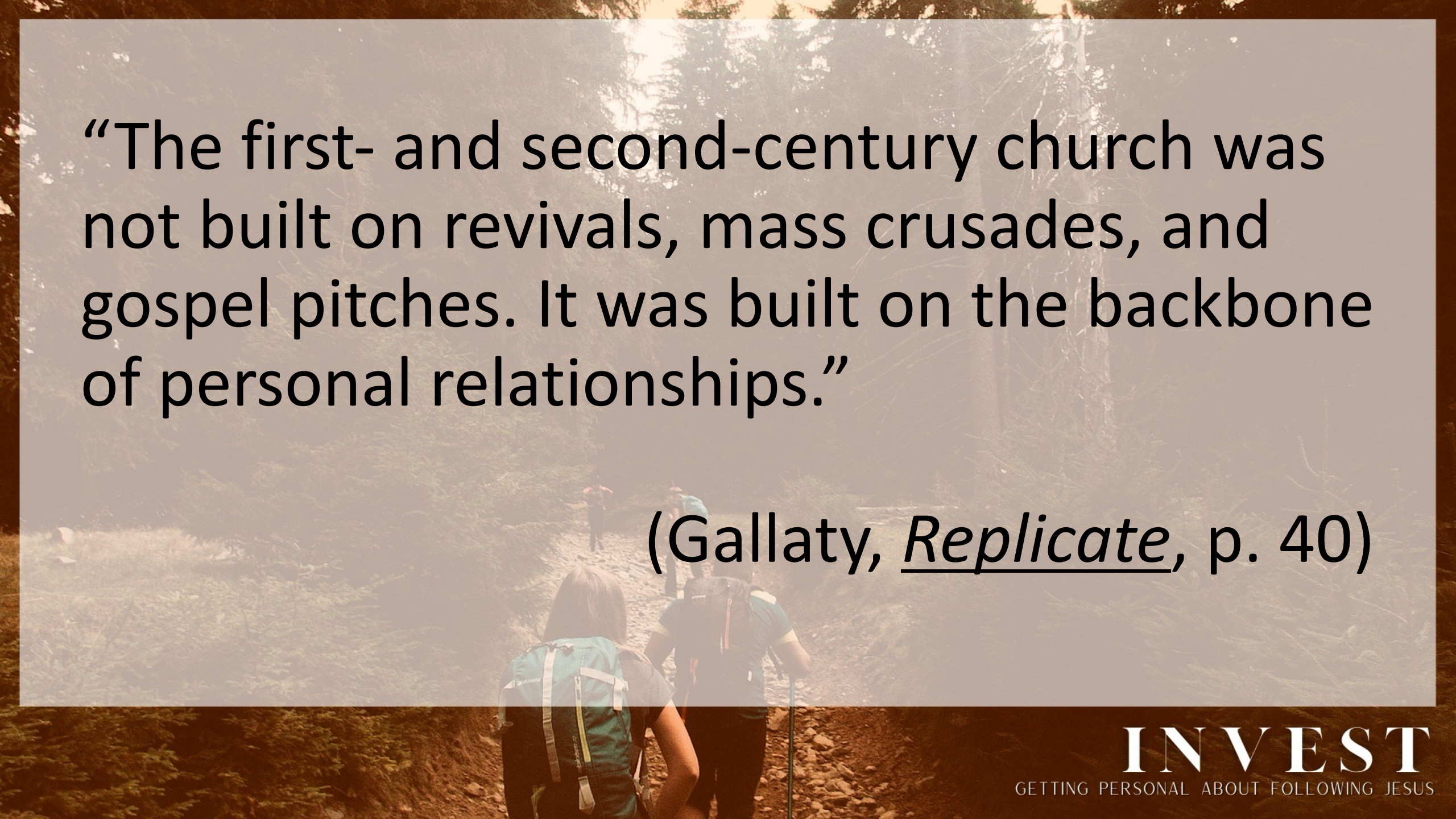
A group of hikers with backpacks walking on a dirt path through a forest. The hikers are seen from behind, walking away from the camera. The path is narrow and appears to be made of dirt and small stones. The forest is dense with trees and foliage, and the lighting is soft, suggesting a shaded area. The overall tone is natural and serene.

“It all started by Jesus calling a few men to follow him. This revealed immediately the direction his evangelistic strategy would take. His concern was not with programs to reach the multitudes, but with men whom the multitudes would follow.”

(Robert E. Coleman)

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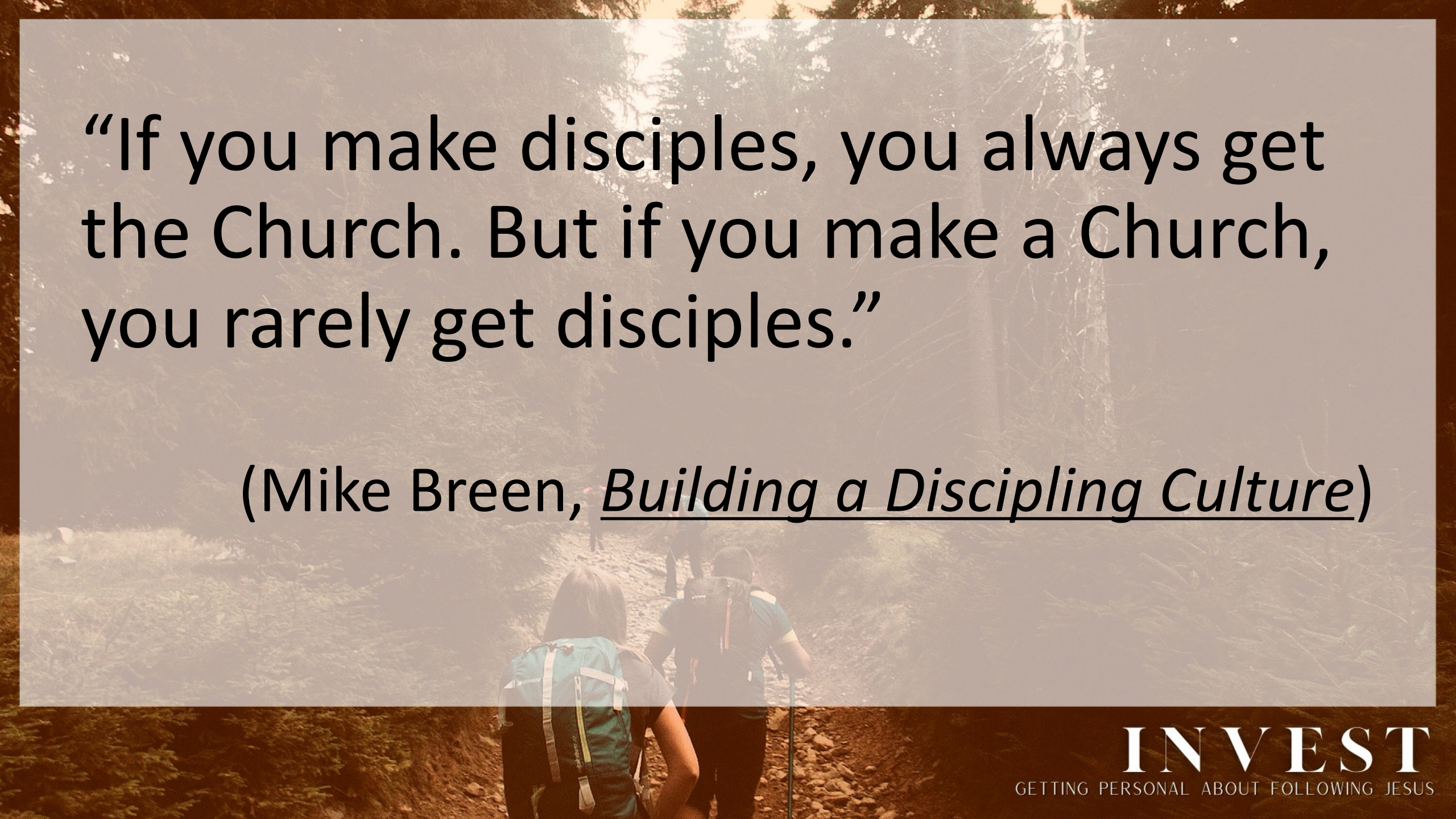
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“The first- and second-century church was not built on revivals, mass crusades, and gospel pitches. It was built on the backbone of personal relationships.”

(Gallaty, *Replicate*, p. 40)

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“If you make disciples, you always get the Church. But if you make a Church, you rarely get disciples.”

(Mike Breen, *Building a Discipling Culture*)

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Coaching Tips

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Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them to observe** all that I have commanded you...

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James 1:22; 2:26

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves... For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

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Coaching Tips

Don't be lazy... Do honor the greatness of this calling by working hard.

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Call to Discipleship

- Deny yourself, take up your cross daily, and follow wherever He leads (Lk. 9:23)
- Prioritize your relationship with Him over all other human relationships (Lk. 14:26)
- Follow him now and not when it is convenient (Matt. 8:22)

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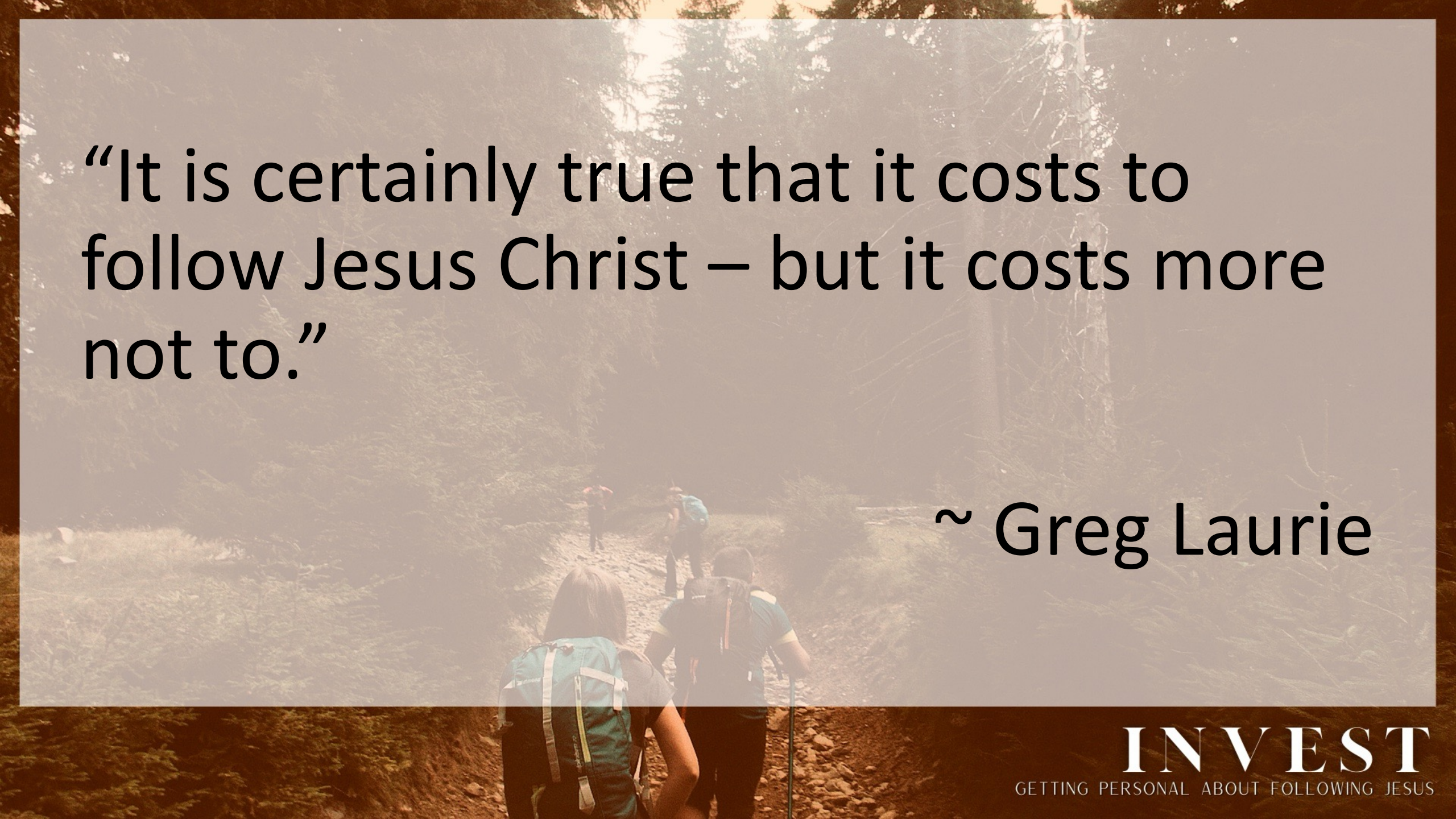
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Call to Discipleship

- Follow him wherever he leads, even if its uncomfortable (Matt. 8:20)
- Be hated or persecuted by those who hate & persecute Christ (John 15:18-21)

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“It is certainly true that it costs to follow Jesus Christ – but it costs more not to.”

~ Greg Laurie

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2 Timothy 2:2-6

What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good **soldier** of Christ Jesus...

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2 Timothy 2:2-6

No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. An **athlete** is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working **farmer** who ought to have the first share of the crops.

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Coaching Tips

*Don't pretend to be perfect...
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Philippians 4:9

What you have learned and received and **heard and seen in me**—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

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Philippians 3:12-15

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead...

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Philippians 3:12-15

I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. **Let those of us who are mature think this way**, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.

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1 Thessalonians 3:5

For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear **that somehow the tempter had tempted you** and our labor would be in vain.

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2 Timothy 1:3

I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I **remember you constantly in my prayers** night and day.

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Don't try to do discipleship in your own strength... Do seek God's empowerment.

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Colossians 1:28-29

Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling **with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.**

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Don't try to serve out of an empty cup... Do feed your soul by abiding in Christ & His Word.

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Luke 5:15-16

But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. **But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.**

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John 15:4-5

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for **apart from me you can do nothing.**

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Key Principle

All ministry should be an overflow of our own walk with the Lord.

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