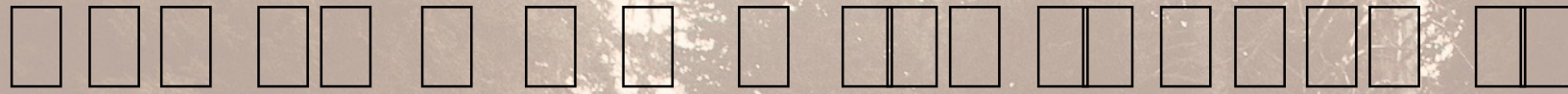


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*The intentional investment of time,  
teaching, & tenderness in the life of a few  
others for the sake of intensified spiritual  
growth.*

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A group of hikers is seen from behind, walking along a dirt trail in a dense forest. The hikers are wearing backpacks and some are using trekking poles. The scene is slightly hazy, suggesting a misty or overcast day. A semi-transparent grey box is overlaid on the upper portion of the image, containing the text 'SELECT INVEST REPRODUCE' in a bold, sans-serif font. The first letter of each word is red, while the rest are black.

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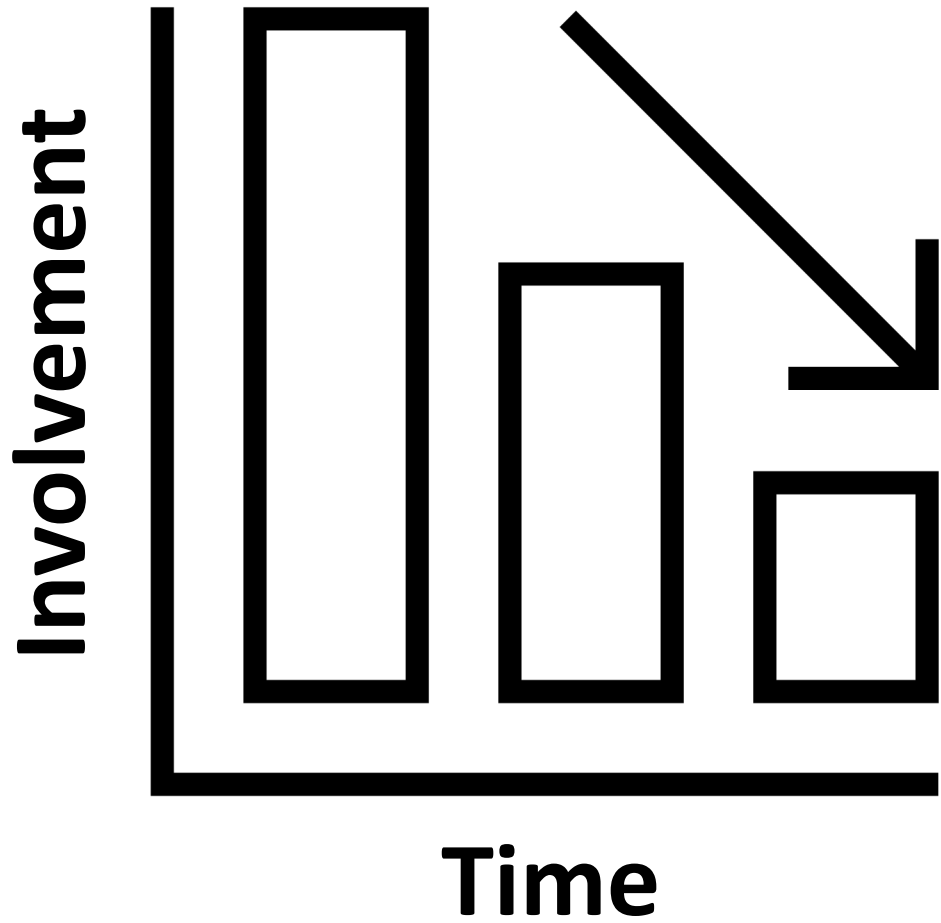


*Personal Discipleship must be relational to be effective.*

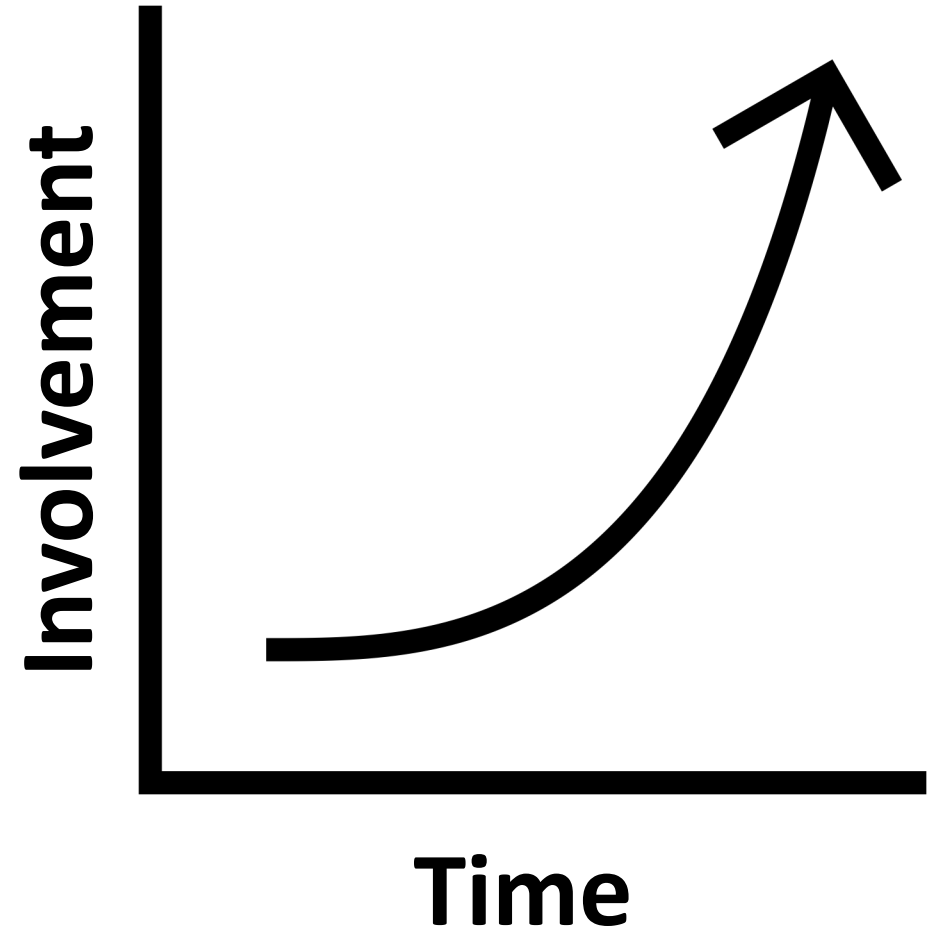
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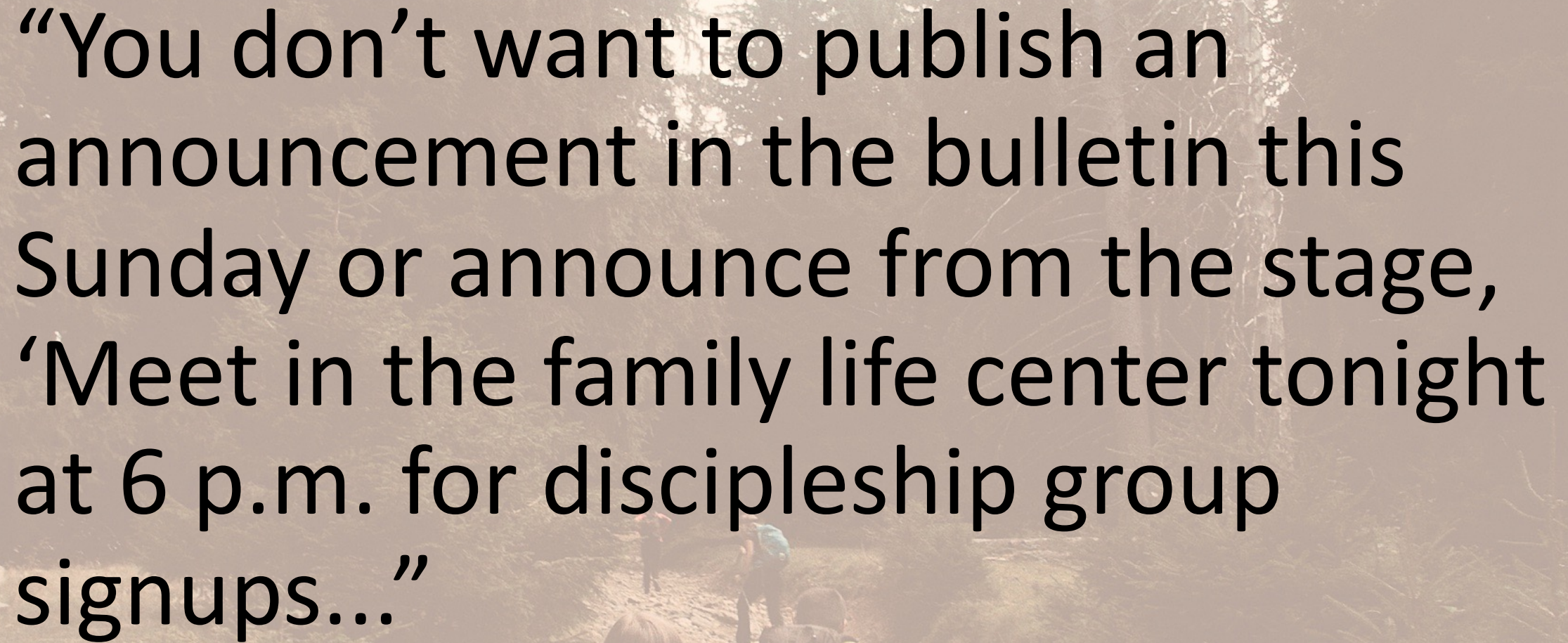
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“The first step in successful discipleship is forming a good friendship...if you can make a good friend, you should be able to disciple.”

(McCallum & Lowery, *Organic Discipleship*, p. 49)

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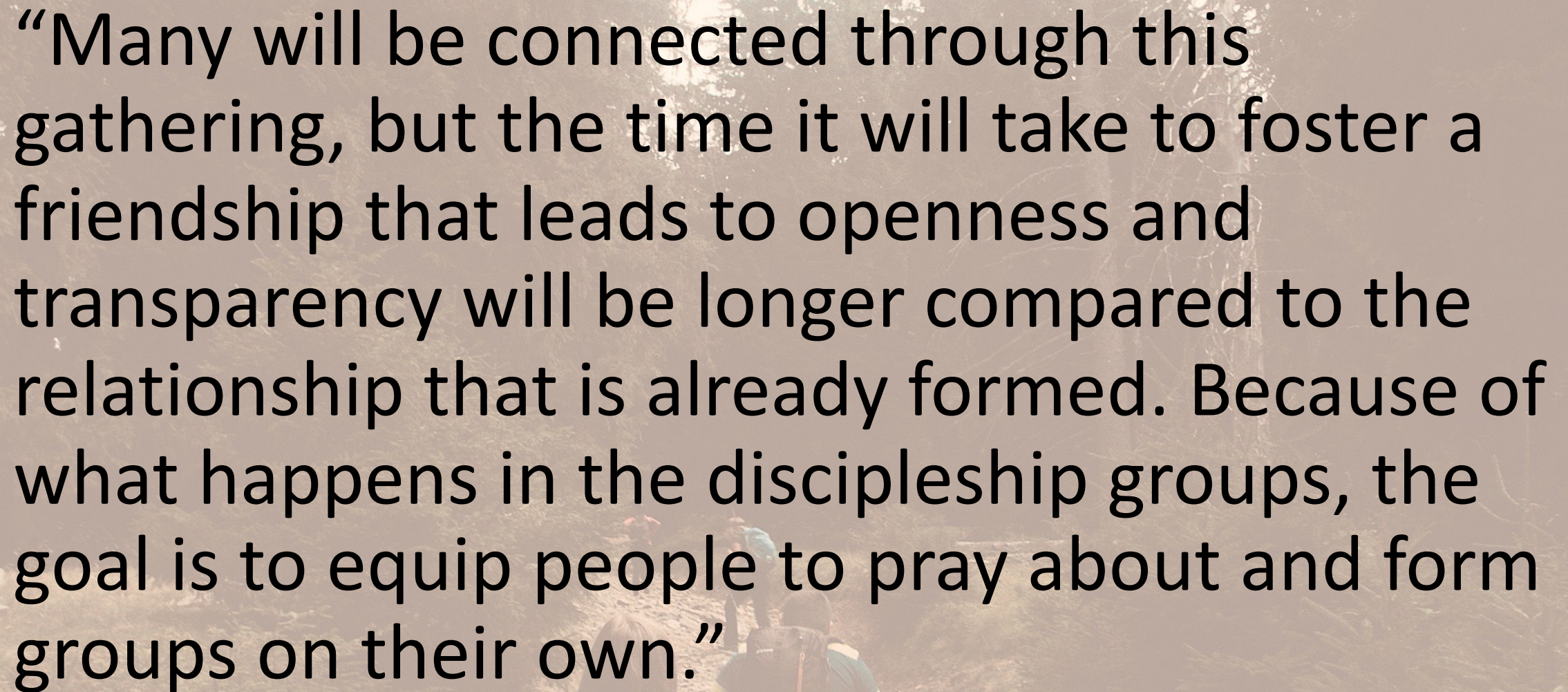
“You don’t want to publish an announcement in the bulletin this Sunday or announce from the stage, ‘Meet in the family life center tonight at 6 p.m. for discipleship group signups...’”

(Gallaty, *Replicate*, p. 159)

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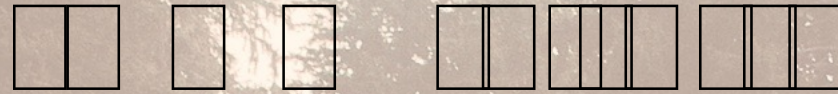
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“Many will be connected through this gathering, but the time it will take to foster a friendship that leads to openness and transparency will be longer compared to the relationship that is already formed. Because of what happens in the discipleship groups, the goal is to equip people to pray about and form groups on their own.”

(Gallaty, *Replicate*, p. 159)

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“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

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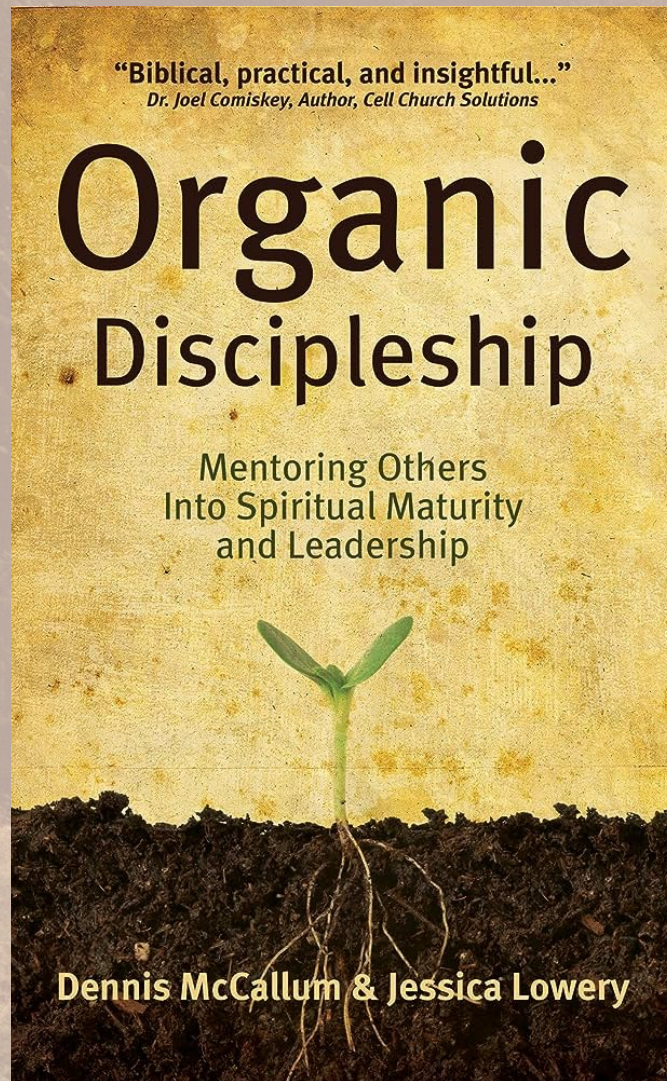
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*How do you approach personal  
discipleship through the lens of  
friendship?*

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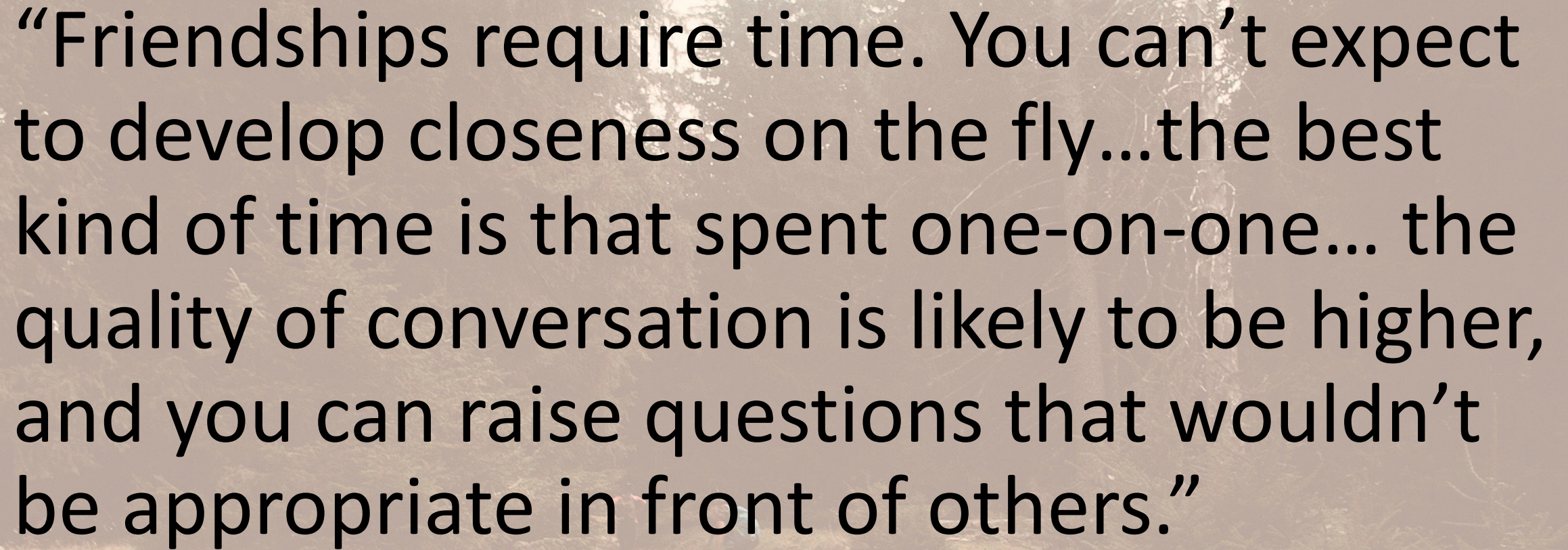


# Steps to Building Friends & Disciples

## 1. Initiate

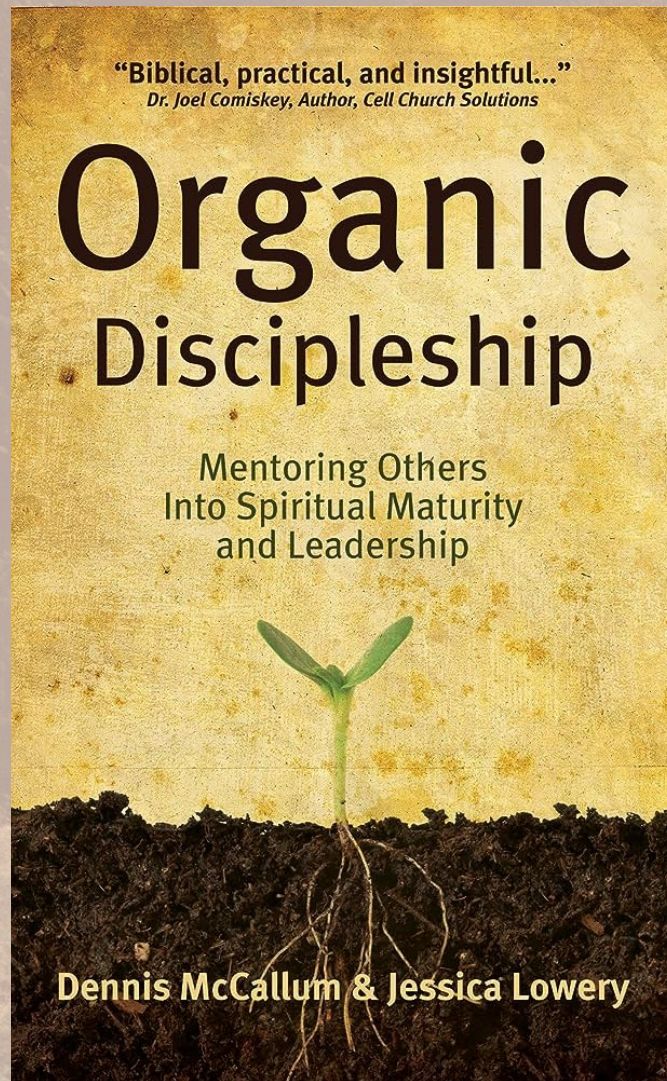


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“Friendships require time. You can’t expect to develop closeness on the fly...the best kind of time is that spent one-on-one... the quality of conversation is likely to be higher, and you can raise questions that wouldn’t be appropriate in front of others.”

(McCallum & Lowery, *Organic Discipleship*, p. 55)

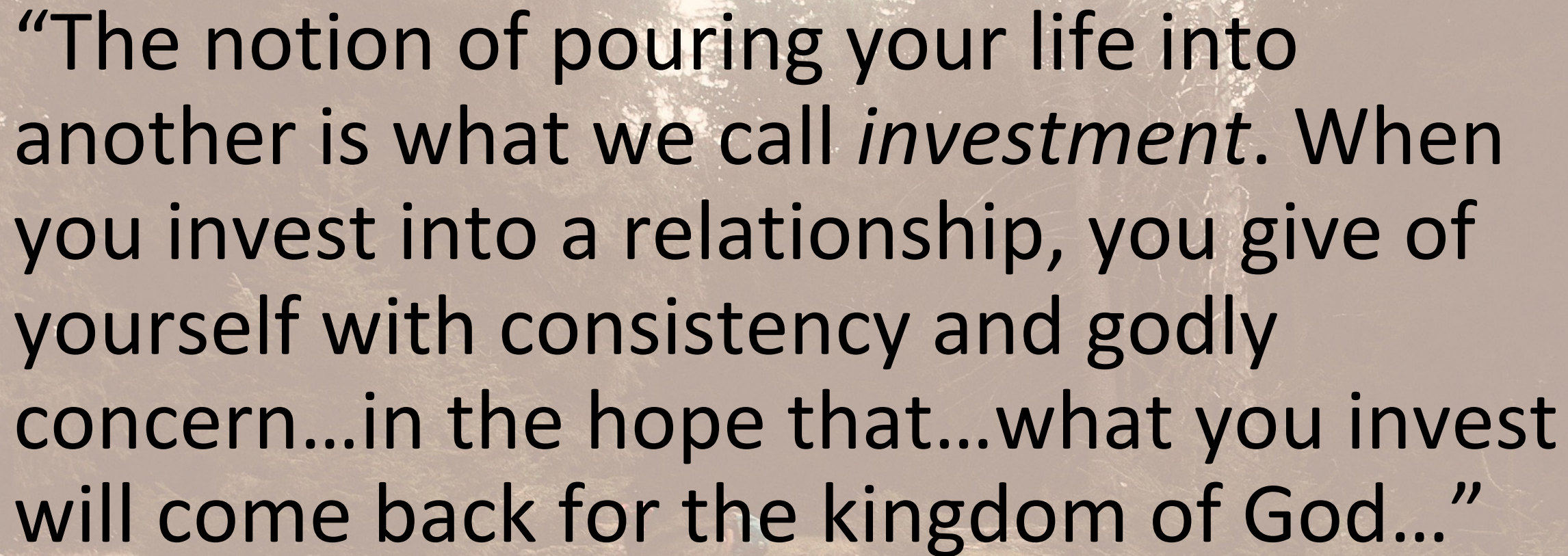


# Steps to Building Friends & Disciples

1. Initiate
2. Invest



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“The notion of pouring your life into another is what we call *investment*. When you invest into a relationship, you give of yourself with consistency and godly concern...in the hope that...what you invest will come back for the kingdom of God...”

(McCallum & Lowery, *Organic Discipleship*, p. 60)

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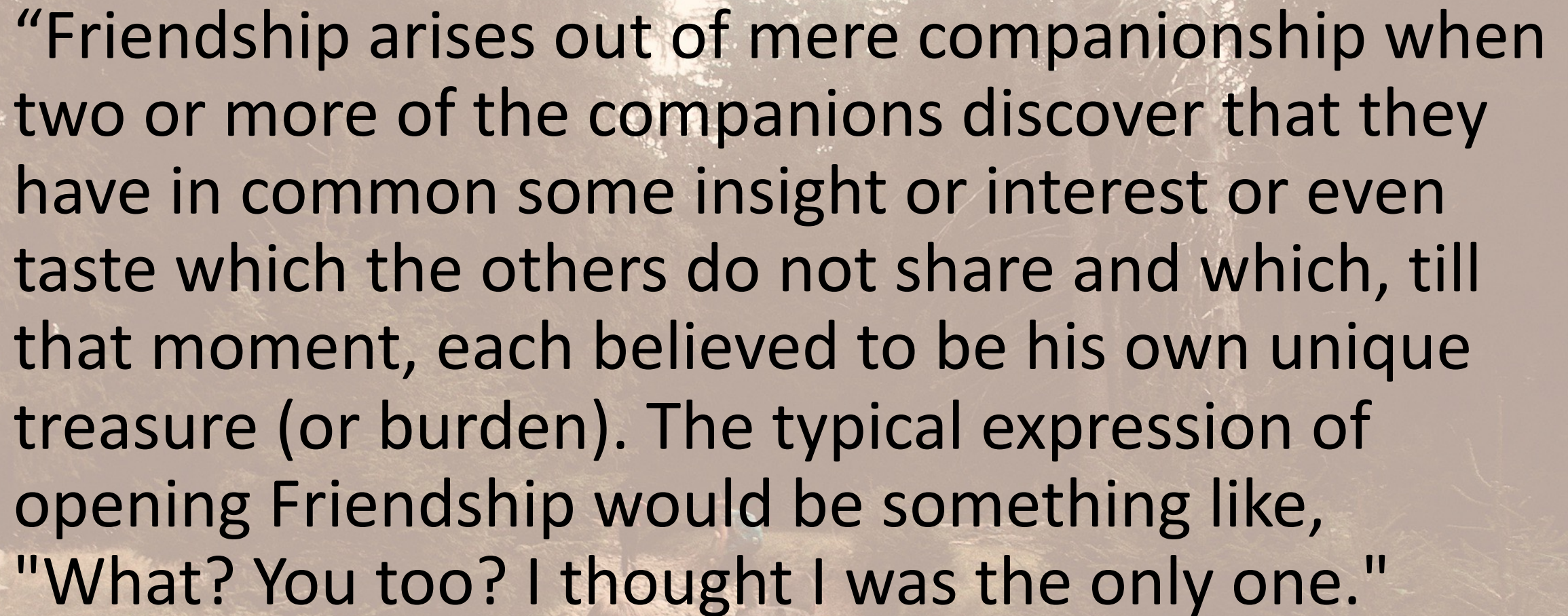


*What can we do to build  
relational capital?*

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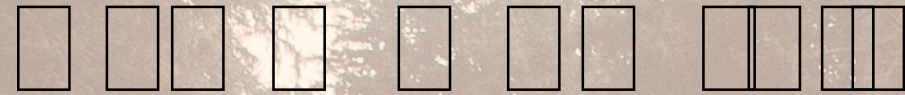


“Friendship arises out of mere companionship when two or more of the companions discover that they have in common some insight or interest or even taste which the others do not share and which, till that moment, each believed to be his own unique treasure (or burden). The typical expression of opening Friendship would be something like, "What? You too? I thought I was the only one."

~ C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*

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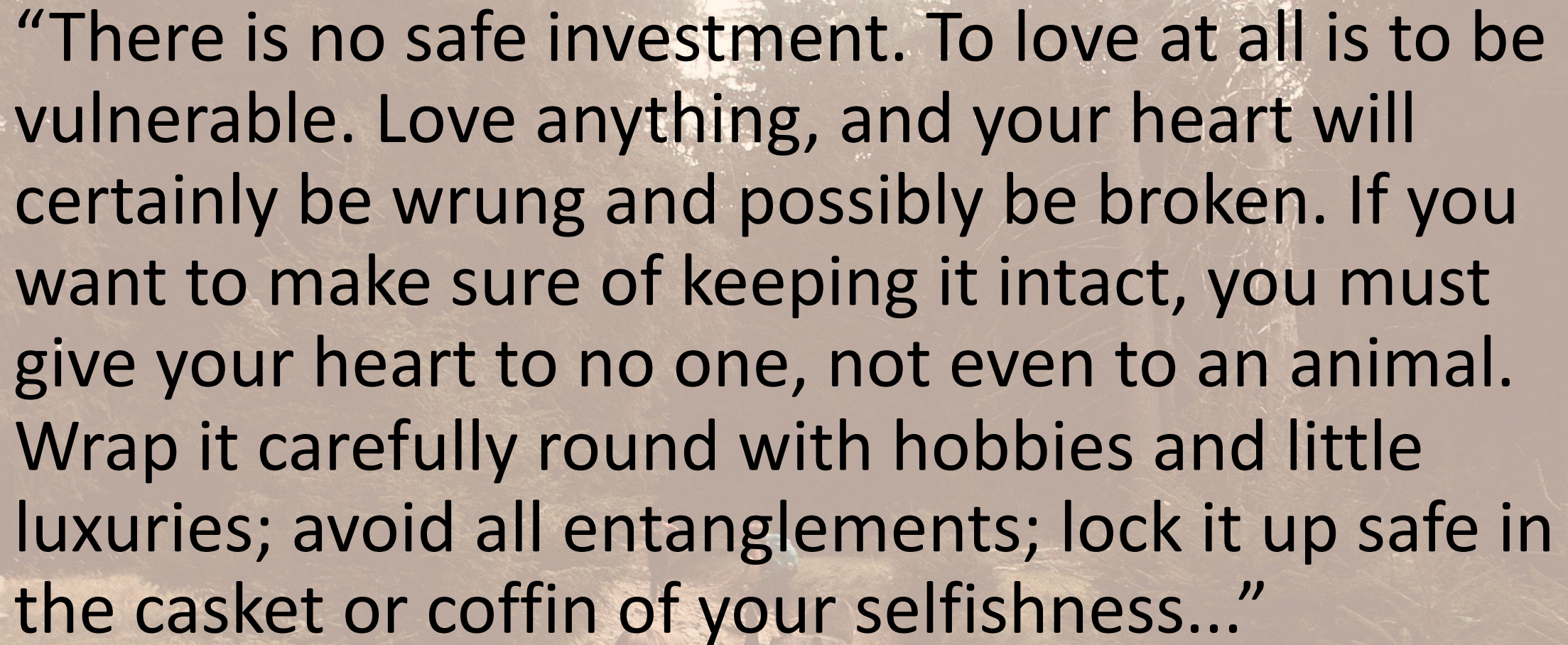


As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

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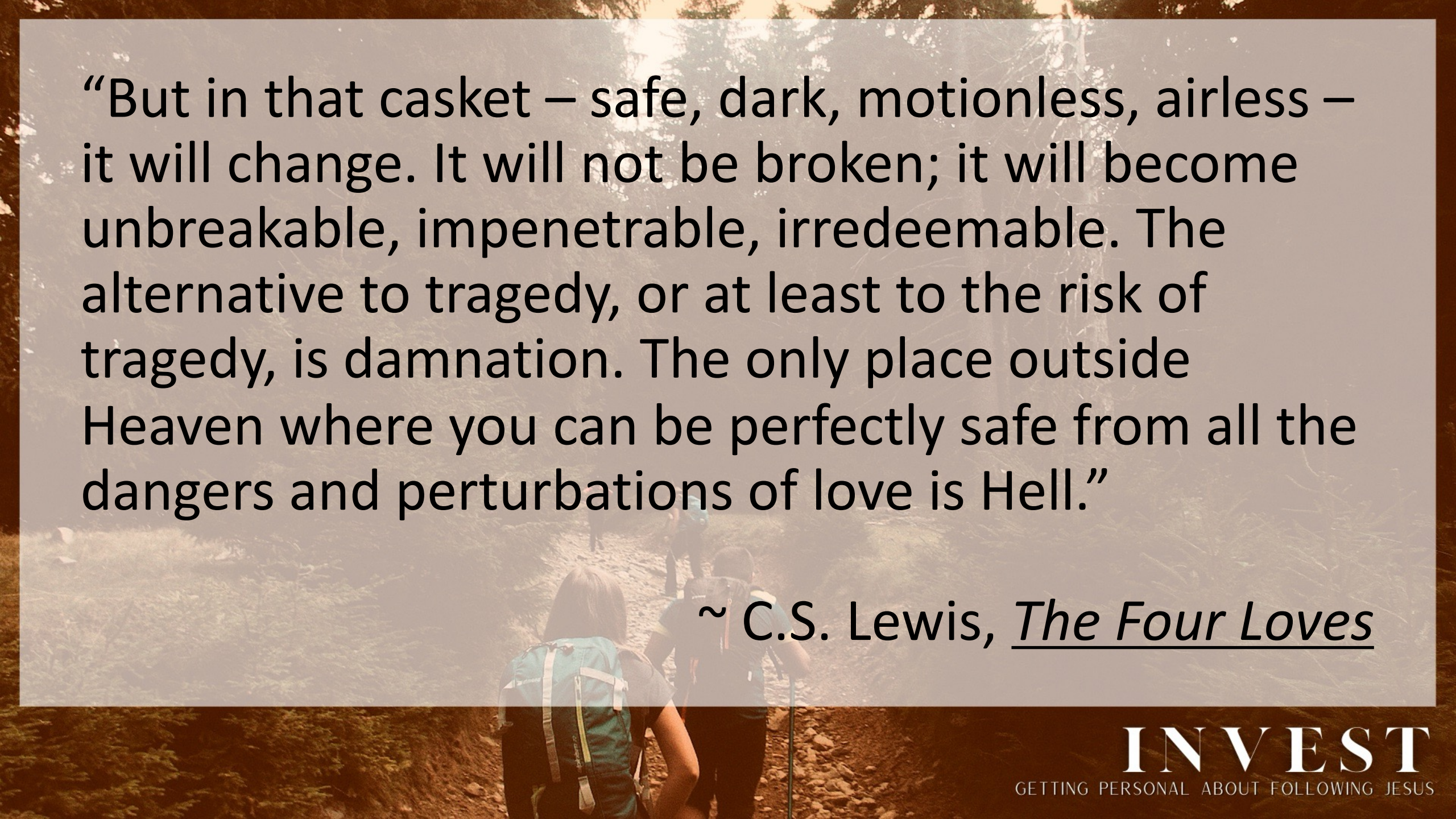
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“There is no safe investment. To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly be broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even to an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness...”

~ C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*

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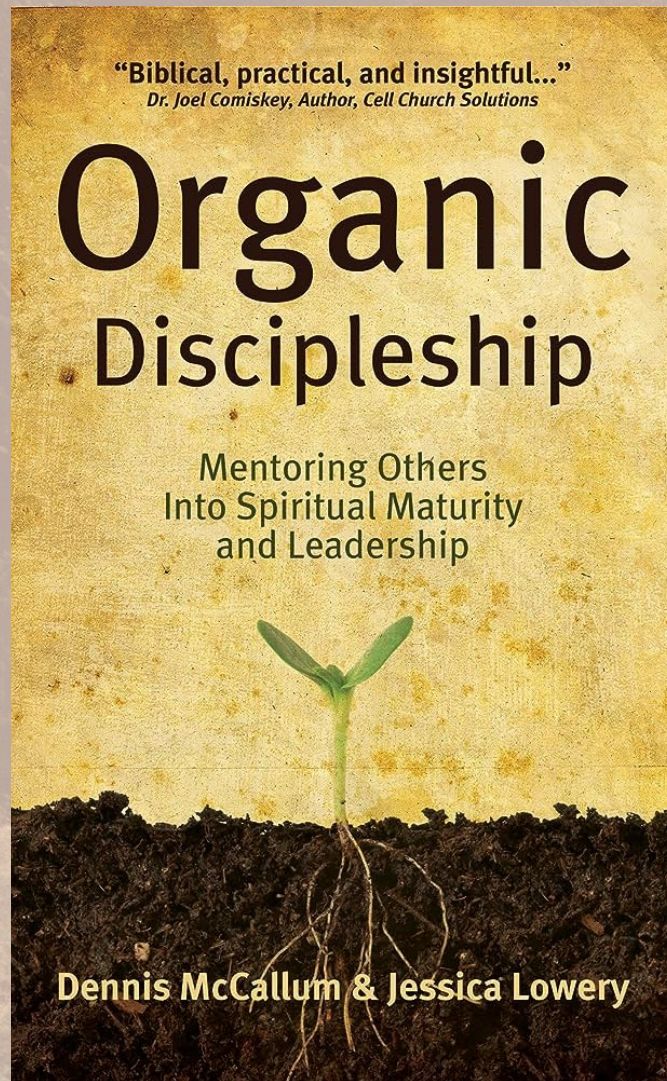
A group of hikers with backpacks walking on a dirt path through a forest. The scene is slightly blurred, suggesting movement. The hikers are seen from behind, walking away from the camera. The forest is dense with trees and foliage, and the ground is a mix of dirt and rocks.

“But in that casket – safe, dark, motionless, airless – it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. The alternative to tragedy, or at least to the risk of tragedy, is damnation. The only place outside Heaven where you can be perfectly safe from all the dangers and perturbations of love is Hell.”

~ C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*

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# Steps to Building Friends & Disciples

1. Initiate
2. Invest
3. Intentionality



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“If you hope to confront your friends with their needs and help them with their weaknesses, you have to be willing to let them do the same for you.”

(McCallum & Lowery, *Organic Discipleship*, p. 67)

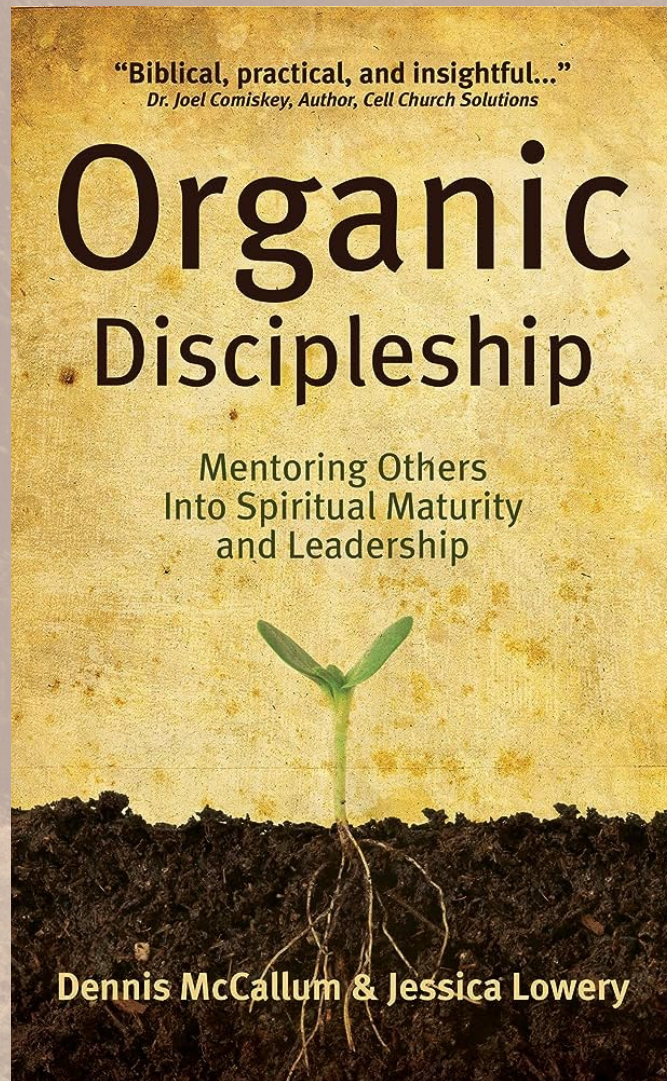


Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

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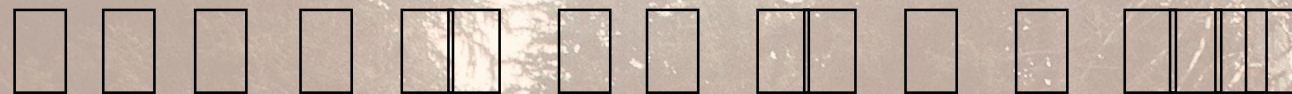
# Steps to Building Friends & Disciples

1. Initiate
2. Invest
3. Intentionality
4. Modeling



Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.





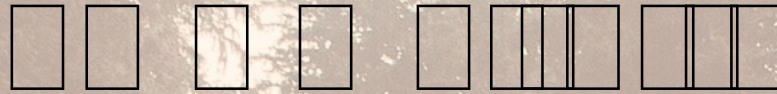
Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.





# 1. Pray





In these days he went out to the mountain *to pray*, and all night he continued in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles...

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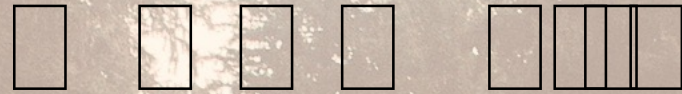
1. Pray
2. Look





1. Pray
2. Look
3. Select





And he went up on the mountain and called to him ***those whom he desired***, and they came to him.

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1. Pray
2. Look
3. Select
4. Invite

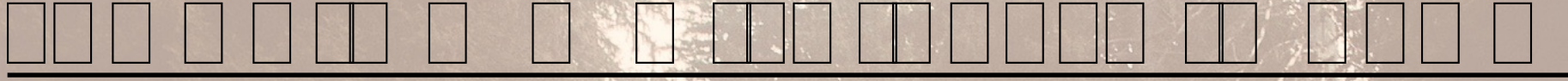




1. Pray
2. Look
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4. Invite
5. Follow-up

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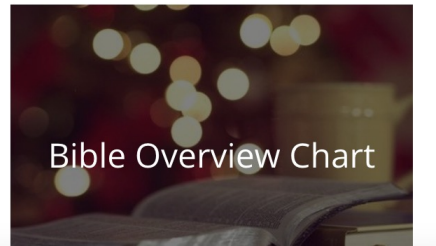


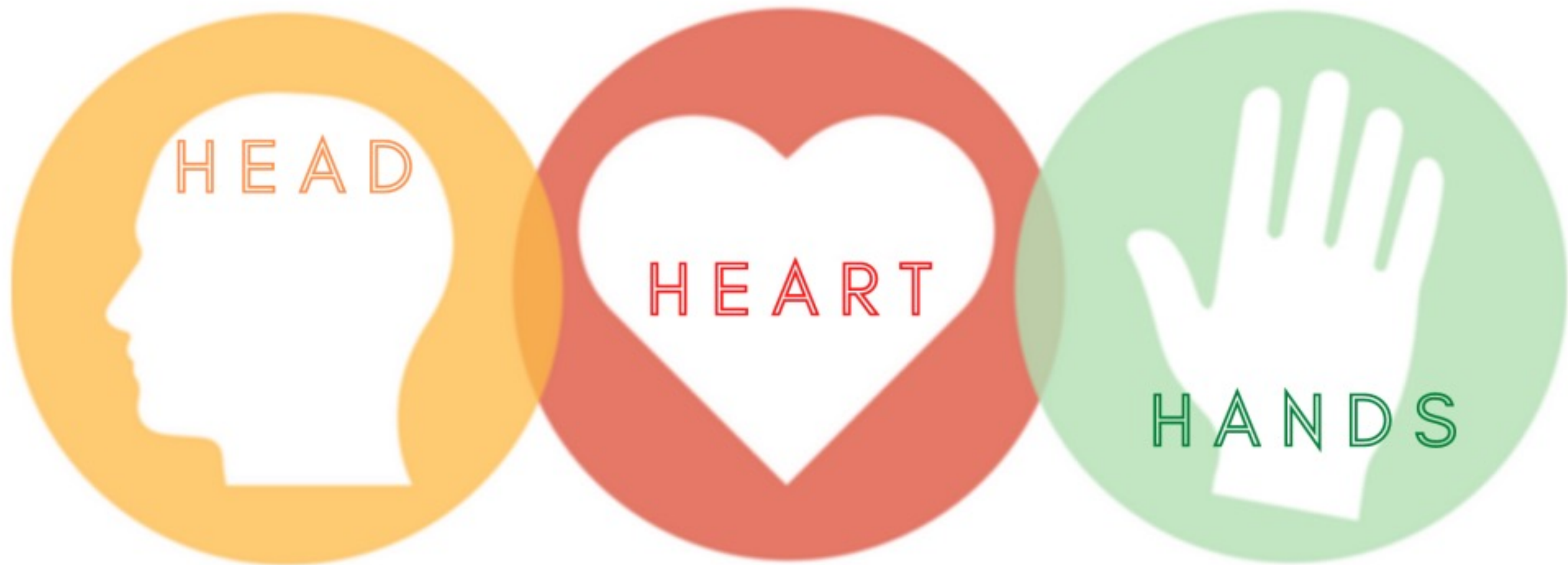
# 1. Set Goals



## Supplemental Resources

...a sprint. No matter how much progress we have made in our personal growth, there is always more to learn. Consider areas of growth in your own life, perhaps these resources on a wide variety of topics can help you in your walk with Jesus.





"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." Mark 12:30

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# FAITH

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ADDITIONAL SERVICE

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*"The best way to think about the process of making disciples is to consider what you want to see in well-discipled people. Then you can think backward, determining what will be necessary to reach*

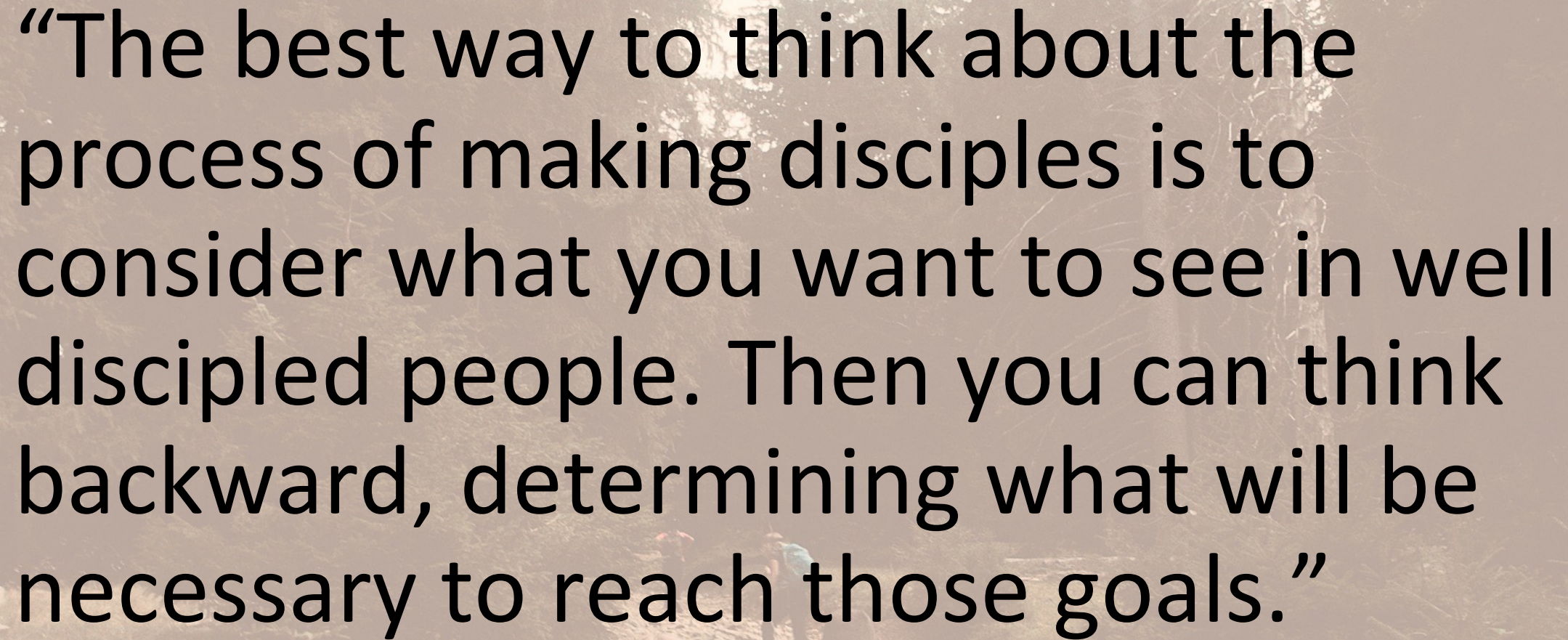
PERSONAL EVALUATION FORM

**Personal Growth Goals** ~ After an honest self-evaluation, talk through the results together. It may be helpful to compare your results with the **Discipleship Milestones**. This document summarizes healthy milestones we should strive for in our own spiritual journey, and organizes these milestones in the framework of HEAD, HEART, & HANDS. One author states...

DISCIPLESHIP MILESTONES

While it would be nice to change everything at once, it is not wise or possible. Instead, try selecting 2-4 growth goals under each category of: HEAD, HEART, & HANDS. You can summarize & articulate your goals in the **Personal Development Plan**.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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(McCallum & Lowery, *Organic Discipleship*, p. 22)



1. Set Goals
2. Select Study Material





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1. Set Goals
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Online Interview Chart

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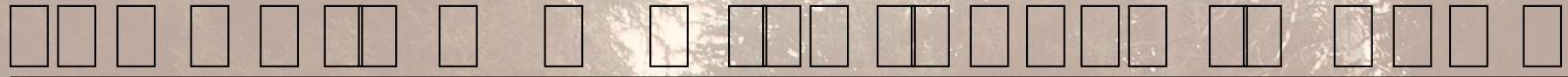
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