

A man with dark hair, seen from the back, walks away from the viewer down a city street at night. He is wearing a dark blue zip-up jacket and dark pants. The street is lined with buildings on both sides, their windows reflecting the warm, orange glow of streetlights and traffic. The man is walking towards a bright, intense light source at the end of the street, which creates a strong lens flare effect. The overall atmosphere is mysterious and dramatic.

THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

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SCRIPTURES TO STUDY

- Make Disciples: Matthew 28:16-20 ESV
- What Is Man?: Psalm 8:4 ESV
- Esteem This: Jeremiah 9:23-24 ESV
- As I Loved You: John 13:34-35 ESV
- Studious Abiders: John 8:31-32 ESV
- The Root Is Love: Ephesians 3:17 AMPC
- Mighty Fruit Bearers: John 15:8 AMP,
Galatians 5:22-23 TPT
- Man's Approval Isn't Needed: John 5:41-42
NLT, AMPC
- God Chose: Jeremiah 1:5, 9 NLT
- Fire Shut Up: Jeremiah 20:9 NLT
- WORD Like Fire: Jeremiah 23:29 AMP
- Consuming Fire: Hebrews 12:29 ESV
- Initiators: 2 Timothy 1:6-7 AMP
- He Loves Me: Jeremiah 9:23-24 ESV

MAIN POINTS, DEFINITIONS & APPLICATION

Disciple:

- One who is taught, a learner

Self Esteem:

A person's overall subjective evaluation of their own worth, value, and abilities.

- Self worth, respect, confidence
- The need to be unique

Built By:

Upbringing

- Parents

Achievements

- Discipline: Do, don't do
- Done

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Validated By:

Things

- Confirm
- Validate

Social Validation

Where individuals seek approval, acceptance, or confirmation of their beliefs, behaviors, or identities from others within their social environment.

It involves seeking reassurance or validation from others to confirm the accuracy, appropriateness, or desirability of one's thoughts, feelings, or actions.

- Approval and Acceptance
- Confirmation of Identity
- Reinforcement of Behaviors
- Reduced Uncertainty
- Validation of Emotion

My self-esteem was built by my upbringing and achievements, validated by things and people.

What if things and people don't align with my positive self image or confirm my self view?

Do you begin to Question / Doubt... Why don't I Have?? Become Frustrated?

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Socially Compare?

- If I had this... you wouldn't...
- When I get this... you would...

Become Prideful / Entitled

- DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM??

Impression Management

- The conscious or unconscious techniques individuals use to control or manipulate the impressions others form about them.
- These strategies are employed in social interactions to shape how others perceive and evaluate the individual's identity, characteristics, and behaviors.

Goal when feeling misunderstood, not revered, or approved:
Find, force, or create consistency between my self-perception and external feedback.

- Any form of rejection has to be contested or I'll be unsatisfied

If my self esteem/overall evaluation of my self worth shouldn't be shaped by things and people - what should it be shaped by?

You are validated and valued because HE loves you...Chose you

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I. Disciples function from a deep, personal revelation of Love

- In the world, value and worth is often determined by the price that you're willing to pay.
- In Christ, your worth and value is determined by the price He paid for you.

2. Disciples Are Studious Abiders

Abide:

To remain, tarry, to be held, kept continually
To continue to be present

Disciple:

Studious Abiders of The Word (Disciple Characteristics)

- Diligent
- Curious / Inquisitive
- Time management
- Deep Self Reflectors
- Seek Help / Humble
- Disciplined
- Practical Practicers

Practical Practice:

- Actively applying knowledge, skills, or insights in real-world situations to achieve specific goals or desired outcomes.

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Practical Practice:

- Tangible Steps
- Intentional choices
- Engaging in behaviors that contribute to personal, spiritual growth.

Practical Practice:

- Not just understanding concepts or gaining insights
- Taking action and implementing them in a purposeful and systematic manner to create meaningful change or progress.

3. Mighty Fruit Bearers

4. Spiritual Arsonists

✓ Fire doesn't discriminate - shows no bias- There's no need for human approval.

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Reflection:

1. How does my upbringing, achievements, or things shape your self-esteem?
2. Prayer: LORD, remove my need for external validation. You love me. That's enough

Declaration: The LORD is my validation

3. Reflect and review the byproducts of Love
(Points 2-4 below)

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**SELF ESTEEM:
A PERSON'S OVERALL
SUBJECTIVE EVALUATION
OF THEIR OWN WORTH,
VALUE, AND ABILITIES.**



SOCIAL VALIDATION: ✓

WHERE INDIVIDUALS SEEK APPROVAL, ACCEPTANCE, OR CONFIRMATION OF THEIR BELIEFS, BEHAVIORS, OR IDENTITIES FROM OTHERS WITHIN THEIR SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT.

SOCIAL VALIDATION: ✓

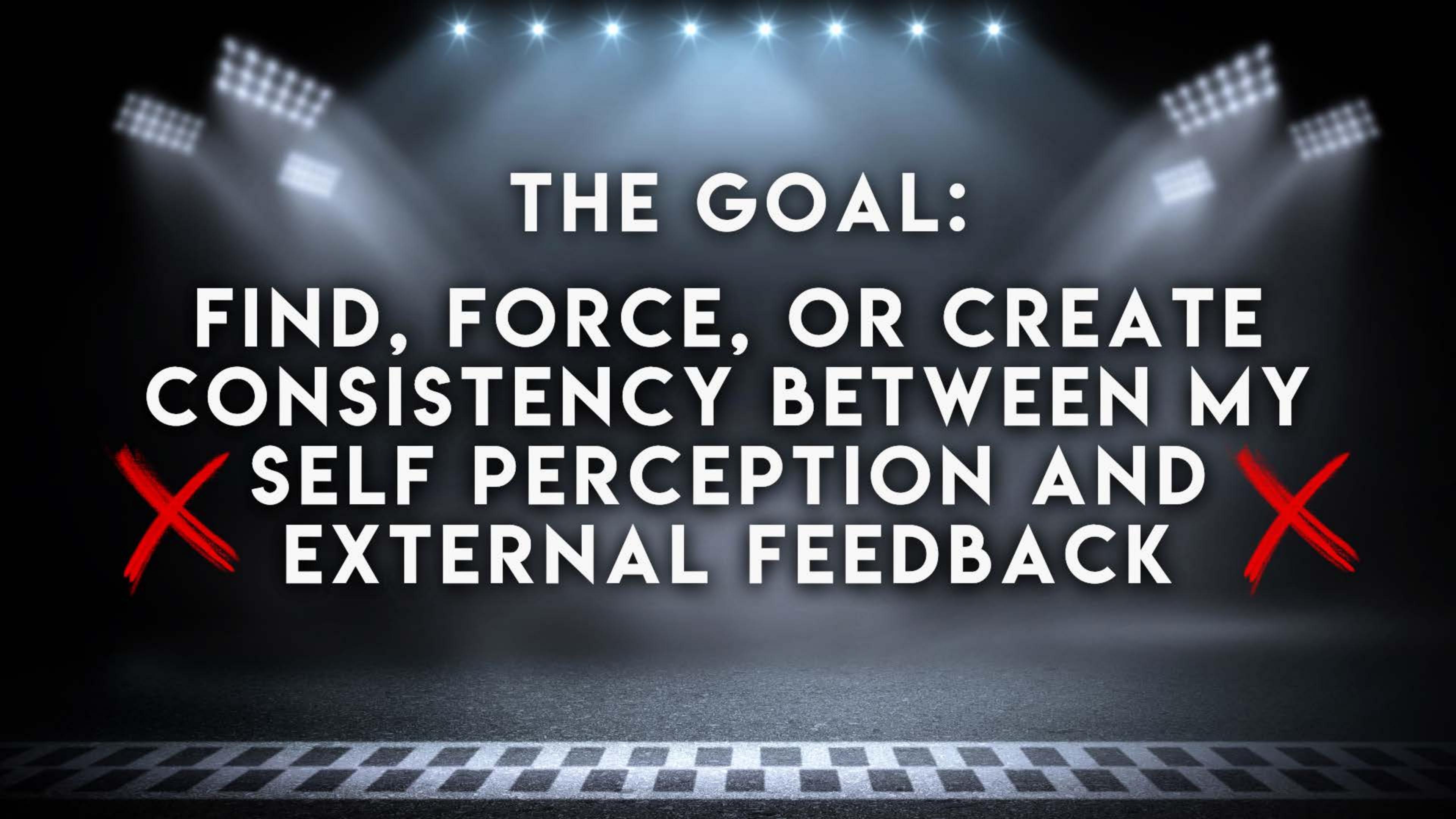
IT INVOLVES SEEKING REASSURANCE OR VALIDATION FROM OTHERS TO CONFIRM THE ACCURACY, APPROPRIATENESS, OR DESIRABILITY OF ONE'S THOUGHTS, FEELINGS, OR ACTIONS.

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ABOUT THEM.

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BEHAVIORS.



THE GOAL:
FIND, FORCE, OR CREATE
CONSISTENCY BETWEEN MY
SELF PERCEPTION AND
EXTERNAL FEEDBACK

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DISCIPLES

STUDIOUS ABIDERS OF THE WORD

- DILIGENT
- CURIOUS / INQUISITIVE
- TIME MANAGEMENT
- DEEP SELF REFLECTORS
- SEEK HELP / HUMBLE
- DISCIPLINED
- PRACTICAL PRACTICERS



PRACTICAL PRACTICE:
ACTIVELY APPLYING KNOWLEDGE,
SKILLS, OR INSIGHTS IN REAL-
WORLD SITUATIONS TO ACHIEVE
SPECIFIC GOALS OR DESIRED
OUTCOMES.



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- TANGIBLE STEPS
- INTENTIONAL CHOICES
- ENGAGING IN BEHAVIORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO PERSONAL, SPIRITUAL GROWTH.



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