



Grow in your Faith

Philippians 3:12-19

Big Idea: Because we love God and others we seek to grow in our faith and help others grow in their faith.

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1.A Warning (Judges 2:10-18).

2.A Command (Mt 28:18-20).

3.A Lifestyle (Phil 3:12-23).

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1. A warning ... (Judges 2:10-18).

¹⁰ And all that generation also were gathered to their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel. ¹¹ And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals ... And they provoked the LORD to anger ... And they were in terrible distress.

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Five truths from Judges 2.

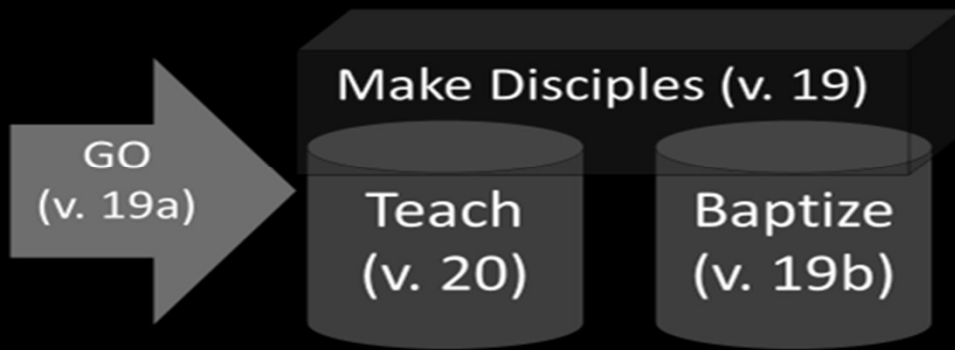
- i. People naturally drift away from God.**
- ii. Drifting diminishes love for God.**
- iii. Sin causes pain/suffering.**
- iv. When we cry out to God, he saves us.**
- v. Making disciples keeps us from suffering.**

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2. Teach them all things (Mt 28:18-20).

“¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Mt 28:18-20; cf Jn 20:21).

Authority of God (v. 18)



Presence of God (v. 20b)

Teach like Jesus taught

- i. Do life together (Heb 10:24-25; 2Th 3:6-9).**
- ii. Teach by example (John 15:12-15).**
- iii. Empower others (Mark 6:7-13; Lk 9:10).**
- iv. Make disciples that make disciples (Mt 28:19).**

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We're all following someone/thing ...



Who are you following?

3. A Lifestyle (Phil 3:12-23).

¹² 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. ¹³ 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, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus ... ¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.

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Keep moving forward (vv. 12-16).

“I press on to make [Christ-likeness] my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.”
(v. 12).

Imitate Christ (v. 17).

“Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us” (v. 17; cf. 1 Cor 11:1; Heb 13:7; Phil 4:9).

Who are you imitating/discipling?

Watch out for the world (vv. 18-19).

“¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.” (vv. 18-19; cf. 2Co 11:13; Matt 7:20).

The Lord's Supper reaffirms our love
for God and others (1Co 11:23-26).

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