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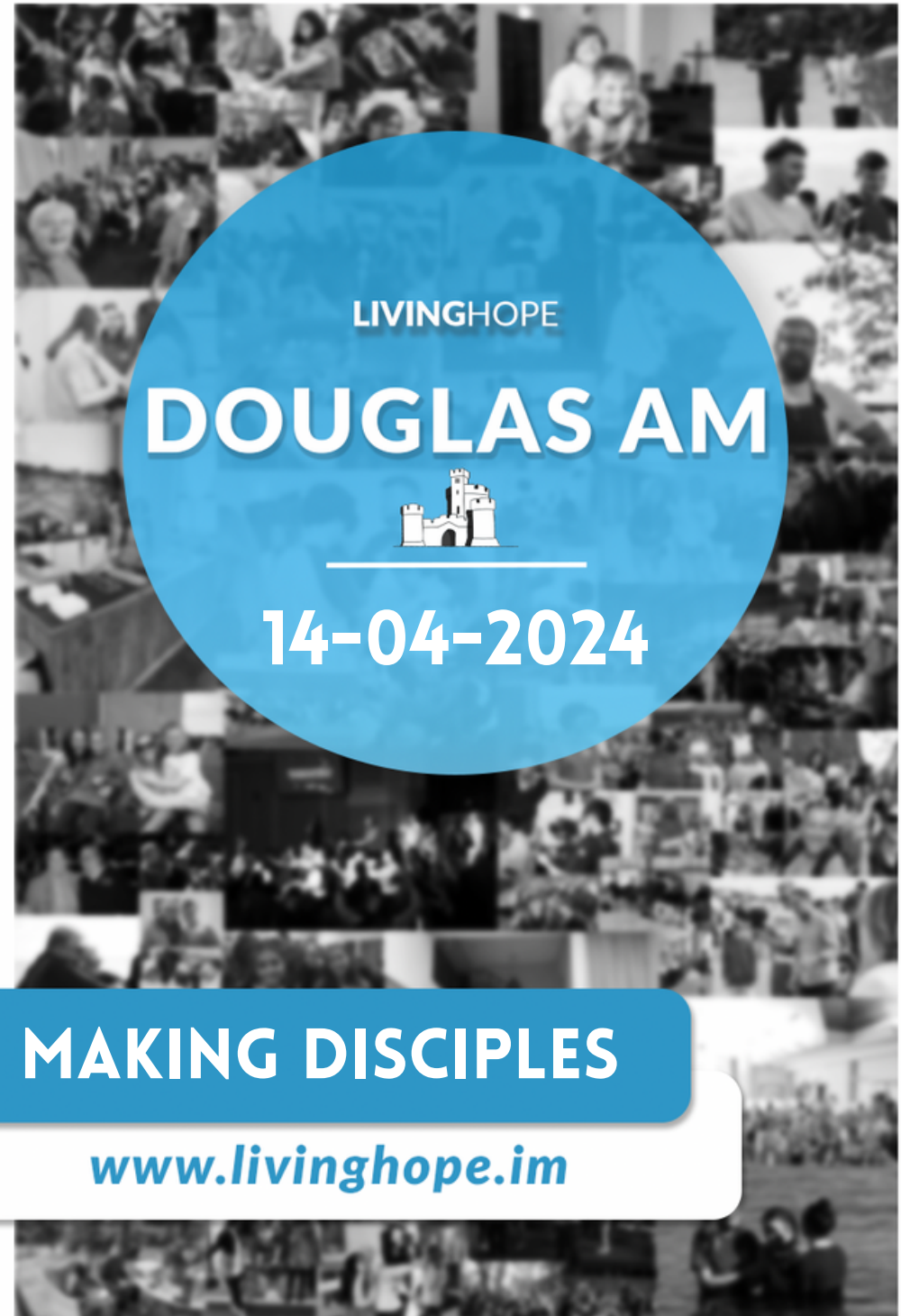


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## MAKING DISCIPLES

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## **MAKE DISCIPLES DISCIPLING THE NEXT GENERATION**

I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you.  
**2 Timothy 1:5 NLT**

41 Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. 42 When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual. 43 After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't miss him at first, 44 because they assumed he was among the other travellers. But when he didn't show up that evening, they started looking for him among their relatives and friends.

45 When they couldn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for him there. 46 Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. 47 All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

48 His parents didn't know what to think. "Son," his mother said to him, "why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere."

49 "But why did you need to search?" he asked. "Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" 50 But they didn't understand what he meant.

51 Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And his mother stored all these things in her heart.

52 Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and all the people.

**Luke 2:41-52 NLT**

You know that Stephanas and his household were the first of the harvest of believers in Greece, and **they are spending their lives in service to God's people.**

**1 Corinthians 16:15 NLT**

### **PARENTAL DEVOTION IS KEY**

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. **Luke 2:41**

Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant." **Luke 1:38a**

Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

**Proverbs 22:6 NKJV**

### **NEVER ABDICATE PARENTING**

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**Luke 2:43-44**

Jonathan, David's uncle, was a counsellor, a man of insight and a scribe. Jehiel son of Hakmoni took care of the king's sons. **1 Chronicles 27:32 NIV**

### **LOVING PARENTS ALWAYS DISCIPLINE**

For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." **Hebrews 12:6 ESV**

9 Now I am glad I sent it, not because it hurt you, but because the pain caused you to repent and change your ways. It was the kind of sorrow God wants his people to have, so you were not harmed by us in any way. **2 Corinthians 7:9 NLT**

But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord." **Joshua 24:15 NLT**

### **COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS**

1. What is the impact of discipling kids properly for families, society, schools, and church?
2. Read Luke 2:41-52 What encourages you about this story and what 'red flags' are raised?
3. What is the difference between 'devoted' and 'interested' parents when it comes to discipleship?
4. Read 1 Chronicles 27:32 What was the impact on David's family when perhaps due to his busyness as king, army leader etc he delegated responsibility for parenting to another?
5. What does loving discipline can look like and why is it also actually painful at the time for parents?
6. What have you learned in this message and discussion?