

**HOW TO RAISE A DISCIPLE PT. 2**  
**LETTING GOD SHAPE IN YOU THE LIFE YOU**  
**HOPE TO SEE IN OTHERS**  
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**Joshua 24:12-21**

**I. Introduction**

- A. In Joshua's farewell address he focuses in on one of the most important questions, "Will our families serve the Lord?" Will our faith effect, transform, and pass on to them? In this series we are learning how to help ourselves, our friends, and our families become fully devoted followers of Jesus.
- B. What Joshua saw was that there is nothing more important for Christians to be involved in, than to be fully engaged in the effort of family \_\_\_\_\_ (the spiritual formation of our families' hearts in the process of becoming like Christ.) It is worth any price.

*"My little children who I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in your." (Gal. 4:19)*  
*"The light that shines the farthest, shines the brightest at home."*

**4 Bible principles we're looking at this month**

- Take the lead
- Sow the seed
- Pull the weeds
- Own their dream

**II. Thesis: Today we're talking about taking the lead. To make a disciple you have to \_\_\_\_\_ a disciple.** You have to let God shape in you what you hope to see in others. You have to close the gap between what you profess and what you \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. The most important principle of discipleship is that we lead people not by what we say but by what they \_\_\_\_\_. We teach what we know but we reproduce what we are! *"A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher."* (Lk. 6:40)

89% of what people learn, they learn visually (Stanford research)

- B. One of the most important indicators of what will happen in the home is what is allowed to happen in our hearts. What's in the hearts of the parents \_\_\_\_\_ the lives of the kids. Once your heart is different \_\_\_\_\_ around you becomes different.

*"Keep your heart with all diligence for out of it springs the issues of life."* (Prov. 4:23)  
*"So then death works in us, but life in you."* (2 Cor. 4:12) **Examples**

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| -My joy helps determine their fun  | - My encouragement their willingness to risk  |
| -My obedience their blessing       | - My purity their innocence                   |
| -My faith their confidence         | - My forgiveness their freedom                |
| -My integrity their security/trust | - My love/interest their sense of value/worth |

*"Those who fear the Lord are secure; he will be a refuge for their children."* (Prov. 14:26)

Effective disciple makers don't just examine what they say but seek to understand what others see.

**III. Ways Joshua taught the people to close the gap/be the change**

- A. Bring to mind the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (Josh 24:12-14). It is not our job to change ourselves or others but to join in blessing and inviting the work of God, in cooperating with the work He has promised to do to.

- “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” (Eph. 2:10)
- “It is God who is at work in us, both to will and do of His good pleasure.” (Phil. 2:13)
- “Even if we are faithless He remains faithful.” (2 Tim.. 2:13)

1. This is so important because there are two mistakes we can make in helping others:
  - a. Doing too little.
  - b. Doing too \_\_\_\_\_.

“Our responsibility is not to fill others cup it is simply to faithfully empty our own.” – Dr. Hendricks

2. God wants us to be faith based and not \_\_\_\_\_ based in our approach to parenting and discipling others. (Promises: Jeremiah 31:16-17, Isaiah 54:13, Prov. 11:21, Isaiah 44:3, Isaiah 59:21)

B. Ask God for a sincere and truthful \_\_\_\_\_. A heart that chooses His choices, utterly consecrated to Him. “Now therefore, fear the Lord; serve Him in sincerity and in truth.” (Josh. 24:14)

C. Declare war on \_\_\_\_\_ (anything that replaces or contradicts God, stands in opposition to His will. “Put away the foreign gods which are among you and incline your heart to the Lord God of Israel.” (Josh 24:23)

“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and Mammon.” (Mat. 6:24)

#### **Examples of idols:**

- Excuses for not following Jesus all the way
- Blaming others for wrong things in your heart or life
- Resentments
- Inconsistencies/stumbling blocks
- Secret compromises

1. Idols are the things that give a foothold to the devil in our lives and families.

2. By confessing and renouncing idols we bind the enemy and take a crucial step in setting ourselves and family \_\_\_\_\_.

- “God doesn’t punish kids for their parent’s sin, God (in Christ) took the punishment for yours and your parents sin, so you could choose to put it all on the cross and you and your children could experience freedom.”

- “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.” (Mat. 16:24)

#### **The cross is three things:**

- a. Our decision to assume the cost no matter what it is for putting Jesus first.

- b. The direction to freedom no matter how many times we get off course.

- c. Our \_\_\_\_\_ that the power and curse of sin is broken over us and our family.

(Answers: I. discipleship II. be, possess, see, fills, everything III. faithfulness, much, fear, heart, idols, free, declaration)