

## **In the Dust of His Steps**

**Sunday Morning, February 26, 2012**

### **Thesis:**

Choose to be a Disciple of Christ!

### **Introduction:**

We preach repentance of sin for Salvation, but we've forgotten to preach on the repentance of sin for Discipleship.

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## **I. Christians: Chose to Be Those of the Way!**

### **A. The Way** **(Acts 19:23)**

During that time there was a major disturbance about the Way.

### **Turned the World Upside Down!** **(Acts 17:6)**

When they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city officials, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here too,

**What is Your Desire?**

## **B. Three Things Identify You As Being of the Way:**

### **1. The Word of God** **(John 8:31)**

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, you really are My disciples.

### **2. The Cost** **(Luke 14: 26-28)**

26 "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, and even his own life—he cannot be My disciple.

27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

28 "For which of you, wanting to build a tower, doesn't first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?

### **3. The Objective** **(Matthew 28:19)**

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,

## **II. Christians: Chose to Be "Trained" by God**

### **Discipleship Started in Jewish Culture**

#### **Bet Sefer**

99% of Israelite Children - Ages 5 -12  
Learned to Read and Write the Torah

#### **Bet Midrash**

1% of Israelite Youth - Ages 13 -15  
Learned to Study the Prophets

#### **Bet Talmid**

Just one or two of Israelite Youth - Ages 15 - 30  
Chosen by Rabbi

**We Too Have Been Chosen to Follow in the Dust of Our Rabbi!**  
**(John 15: 15-17)**

15 I do not call you slaves anymore, because a slave doesn't know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have heard from My Father.

16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you. I appointed you that you should go out and produce fruit and that your fruit should remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give you.

17 This is what I command you: Love one another.

**III. Christians: Chose Not to Pervert "The Way" by Living His Way!**

**Saved From a Perverse Generation**  
**(Acts 2:40)**

And with many other words he testified and strongly urged them, saying, "Be saved from this corrupt generation!"

**You Are Royalty**  
**(I Peter 2:9)**

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the One who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**Walk With A Limp!**  
**(Genesis 32: 24-31)**

24 Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

25 When the man saw that He could not defeat him, He struck Jacob's hip socket as they wrestled and dislocated his hip.

26 Then He said to Jacob, "Let Me go, for it is daybreak."

**But Jacob said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me."**

*(Jacob clung on tightly to God to be blessed...we need to cling on tightly, like those who followed in dust of Rabbi's steps)*

27 "What is your name?" the man asked.

"Jacob," he replied. *(more verses on next page)*

28 "Your name will no longer be Jacob," He said. "It will be Israel because you have struggled with God and with men and have prevailed."

29 Then Jacob asked Him, "Please tell me Your name."

But He answered, "Why do you ask My name?" And He blessed him there.

**30 Jacob then named the place Peniel, "For I have seen God face to face," he said, "and I have been delivered." 31 The sun shone on him as he passed by Penuel—limping because of his hip.**

Jacob saw God close up and was reminded that he was weak and God was still stronger by the limp he was given. He would need to be dependent on God for his strength. The limp would continue to remind him about his time with God. We too are weak and need to spend time with God face to face through prayer and study and discipleship.

**Conclusion:**

Choose "to be" a Disciple of Christ

**Shema**

sh'ma Yisrael  
Adonai Elohaynu Adonai Echad  
V-ahavta et Adonai Elohecha  
b-chol l'vavcha  
u-v-chol naf'sh'cha  
u-v-chol m'odecha

Israelites said this prayer each morning and each night.

**(Deuteronomy 6: 4-5)**

4 "Listen, Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is One.

5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

**(Mark 12:30)**

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.