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BE~BUILD~BEGIN

While in Israel last year, God gave me a clear picture of Sonlife's disciple-making training pathway for the leaders we're called to serve... BE a Disciple-Maker... BUILD a Disciple-Making Ministry... BEGIN a Disciple-Making Movement. That simple pathway became the tracks we began to lay down, developing our training and resources around that simple concept. At our D•Conference in Houston in January, I shared the pathway in my closing message to the leaders we had gathered from across North America.

Good friend Mark Edwards, the founder of Sonlife Latin America, challenged me afterward to give that message 16 times in 2016. He felt that a message of the life of a disciple-maker was a message that needed to be heard. So far, I've shared this message in Costa Rica, Dallas and Lakeland too!

Thanks for encouraging, praying for and supporting us as we BE•BUILD•BEGIN disciple-making leaders, ministries and movements across North America!

Serving Christ, Doug & Jennifer



LIVE IT UP #LIKEJESUS

The focus of this year's Dare 2 Share Tour, **Live It Up**, is on the life of Jesus and how he lived in fellowship with the Father, in dependence upon the Holy Spirit, and in obedience to the Mission of making disciples.

What a privilege to speak to thousands of students and encourage hundreds of leaders at these evangelism training

events in Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio and Colorado (Chicago and DC still to come).

Sonlife and D2S have a strategic training partnership that helps both ministries accomplish the mission of... transforming the culture of youth ministry in North America, restoring it to the disciple-making heart of Jesus!



LIVE IT UP TOUR: Thousands of youth leaders and students worshipping together with David Crowder's old band at the Dare 2 Share Student Evangelism Conference in Dayton, Ohio.

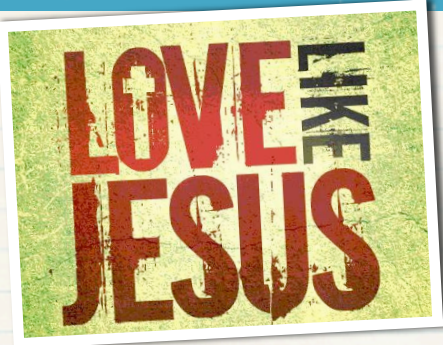


ART-DECO GUITAR? No, this is a map of the Holy Land (big blue water is the Dead Sea, with the Jordan River leading up to the Sea of Galilee) at the Sonlife Latin America Training Center in Costa Rica. What a joy to study Jesus' life together!



DREADED RATS: Only one word will do when you have rats invade your garage and attic. Yuck! Our friend Shawn helped us dispose of this one. Yes, they were that big... all SIX of them! Of course, they'll become a great sermon illustration :)

#LIKEJESUS



THE #LIKEJESUS BLOG

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LEARNING TO BE #LIKEJESUS

What does it look like to live like Jesus, to love like Jesus, to lead like Jesus, to listen like Jesus, to learn like Jesus, to labor like Jesus?

These questions launched me on a journey in 2016 to intently study Jesus by reading through the Gospels every month.

I began with Johnston Cheney's harmony of the Gospels, The Greatest Story (Life of Christ in Stereo) in January. In February, I read through Robert Mounce's Harmony of the Gospels, Jesus- In His Own Words. In March, I've been reading through Kermit Zarley's Harmony, The Gospels Interwoven.

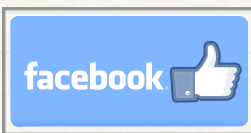
Each day, I've written a text message summarizing what God taught me that day about being like Jesus. Initially, these texts just went to Jennifer and a personal mentor of mine. Then I decided to share them with our Sonlife leadership team and a few other friends. Then I thought, "Why wouldn't I send these to my girls and share with them what God is teaching me through His Word?"

After only a few days of receiving these texts, Marisa and I began talking about her using the material from the texts to create a blog.

Back in the Summer before she left for college, I had asked Marisa to help me with Social Media, to help me develop a better platform for communicating with students and leaders.



Her challenge was always getting content from me to post. Now, she was getting texts from me every day with content to share. She began by creating a blog site using WordPress and linking it to my Twitter account, twitter.com/dougholliday.



Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Marisa takes one of my #likeJesus texts, creates a #likeJesus Blog for that day,



which then also gets posted on my Facebook page... and then just for fun, she takes a picture for the theme of the post that day for my Instagram account and includes a #likeJesus Blog link there too! We're having fun :)

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Tweets out a quote from the Blog with a link to the full post,

A Recent Blog Post...

FULLY PRESENT #LIKEJESUS

What does it look like to be fully present? While on His way to Jerusalem for Passover week, Jesus encountered many people and ministered from a heart full of compassion.

The disciples don't want Jesus bothered with the children, but Jesus says, "Let the little children come to me."

The Rich Young Man, relying on his wealth (a sign of God's blessing... so he must be doing something right) and on his moral efforts, wanted to know if he had done enough to inherit eternal life. Jesus looked at him with love.

When Jesus learned of Lazarus' death and of how Lazarus' sisters, Mary and Martha, were overcome with grief, Jesus was deeply moved and visibly distressed. He burst into tears. Those looking on said, "See how much he loved Lazarus!"

Blind Bartimaeus cried out, "Son of David, take pity on me."

Zacchaeus, a crooked, despised tax collector, was looked in the eyes by Jesus and told Jesus would be a guest at his house (a sign of honor).

For Jesus, people were not a distraction or an intrusion. He truly loved them. He was unselfish with His time and attention. Sometimes I struggle with that...

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