



CREATING DISCIPLE MAKING MOVEMENTS AS JESUS DID

APRIL-MAY 2014



*Teaching from the
Mount of Olives
with Jerusalem as
my backdrop.*



*What an amazing time
together in Israel with friends
from around the world...
focusing on our Bold Moves
in making disciples to the
ends of the earth.*



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Global Youth Summit ~ Israel 2015

185 Ordinary Leaders, 53 Countries, 1 Mission

This was our final charge at the close of the GYI Summit, themed Bold Moves, from the place Peter preached on the Day of Pentecost.

"They don't look like much. No one has accused them of over qualification. Clumsiness, yes. Hard heartedness and forgetfulness, for certain. But ambassadors? Avant-garde leaders? Hope harbingers? Not quite!

The tall one in the corner- that's Peter. Galilee thickened his accent. Fishing nets thickened his hands. Stubbornness thickened his skull. His biggest catch in life thus far has come with fins and gills. Odd! The guy pegged to lead the next great work of God knows more about bass and boats than he does about Roman culture or Egyptian leaders.

And his cronies: Andrew, James, Nathaniel. Never traveled farther than

a week's walk from home. Haven't studied the ways of Asia or the culture of Greece. Their passports aren't worn; their ways aren't sophisticated. Do they have any formal education?

In fact, what do they have? Humility? They jockeyed for cabinet positions. Sound theology? Peter told Jesus to forget the cross. Sensitivity? John wanted to torch the Gentiles. Loyalty? When Jesus needed prayers, they snoozed. When Jesus was arrested, they ran. Thanks to their cowardice, Christ has more enemies than friends at his execution.

Yet look at them six weeks later, crammed into the second floor of a Jerusalem house, abuzz as if they'd just won tickets to the Super Bowl. High fives and wide eyes. Wondering what in the world Jesus had in mind with his final commission: "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

You hillbillies will be my witnesses. You uneducated and simple folk will be my witnesses. You who once called me crazy, who shouted at me in the boat and doubted me in the Upper Room. You temperamental, parochial net casters and tax collectors. You will be my witnesses.

You will spearhead a movement that will explode like a just-opened fire hydrant out of Jerusalem and spill into the ends of the earth: into the streets of Paris, the districts of Rome, and the ports of Athens, Istanbul, Shanghai and Buenos Aires.

You will be part of something so mighty, controversial, and head spinning that two millennia from now a group of leaders gathered from all over the world will be sitting on the Southern Steps in Jerusalem asking the question "Does Jesus still do it?"

Does he still use simple folks like us to change the world?"



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*Disciple making
from the life of
Christ*

Summit Highlights

MOUNT ARBEL (Matthew 28)

During the Summit, we were challenged with a few of the Bold Moves that Jesus made. Matthew 28 records that the Disciples returned to a mountain in Galilee, and it was there that Jesus asked them to gaze beyond their borders to "Go and make disciples of all nations!"



CAESAREA PHILIPPI (Matthew 16)

Greg Stier and I flew to Israel from St. Louis, the last stop on Dare 2 Share's conference tour (9 cities in 13 weeks with anywhere from 1,500-5,000 students and leaders each week that we trained in evangelism and disciple-making). Here we were at the site where Jesus proclaimed, "Upon this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it!"



GERASENES / KURSI (Mark 5)

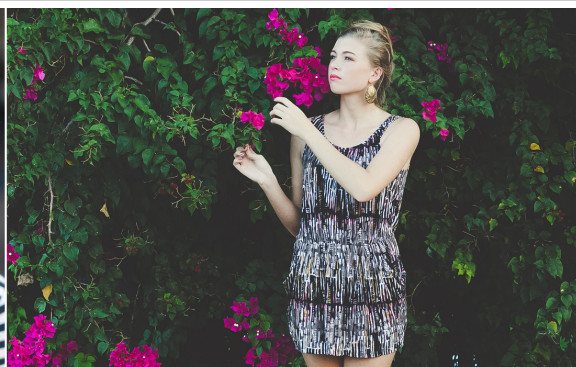
In the region of the Gerasenes, where Jesus and the Disciples crossed to "the other side" and Jesus delivered the demoniac, casting the legion of demons that held him captive into a herd of pigs... we heard a powerful message from Benjamin Francis of India. He spoke of God's call on William Carey, the father of modern missions who brought the gospel to India. As a young man, Carey was in a service where an offering was being taken for missions. He had nothing to give, but when the basket was brought to the front



and laid on the altar, William Carey walked forward and stepped into the basket, saying, "Lord, everything I am, and everything I'm not, I offer for your service." Benjamin held up a basket as he told Carey's story, saying that he too would step into the basket. My heart yearned to join him... "Me too," I told Benjamin afterward, "I'm all in!"

Serving Christ together,

Doug and Jennifer



CLASS OF
2015



GRADUATION CELEBRATION OF

Marisa Holliday

SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL, SANFORD FL

tuesday, may 26, 2015 at 9:00 am

MARISA WILL BE ATTENDING

PALM BEACH ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

IN THE FALL OF 2015

As parents, we are so proud of Marisa and how hard she has worked. She's made the most of her Senior year, completing her International Baccalaureate Degree which should give her a full year's worth of college credit, serving as the Editor and Chief of the Yearbook, and working three afternoons a week.

Marisa had applied to eight schools, but ultimately decided on Palm Beach Atlantic in West Palm Beach, just three hours from home (and 5 minutes from the beach)!

God has provided for Marisa's college education in amazing ways. Her academic performance earned her PBA's President's Scholarship and qualified her to apply for their Farish Scholarship. The school selects two

students each year to receive the Farish Scholarship, which is awarded based on academic performance, character and leadership. Applicants must write essays and be interviewed by faculty and administration. A few days after interviewing, we received the news that Marisa had been selected to receive the Farish Scholarship. What an honor! With all her scholarships and grants, 80% of Marisa's tuition, room and board is paid for!

Marisa will be studying Graphic Design and Photography and is excited for this next chapter in her life's journey.

What a joy to see her pursue her dreams and the God-sized plans that await.