

Making Disciples... Who Make Disciples... Worldwide!

# HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

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The Ministry Newsletter of Doug & Jennifer Holliday

**PRAYER ALERT:**  
WE'RE BUSY PREPARING  
FOR SONLIFE'S DISCIPLE-  
MAKING CONFERENCE IN  
HOUSTON, JANUARY 11-13  
PRAY FOR THIS NATIONAL  
GATHERING OF LEADERS!

## Pray With Us for God's Provision

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Inspiring,  
Instructing &  
Involving the Next  
Generation of  
Missional Leaders  
Worldwide!

### MINISTRY SUPPORT UPDATE

The Fall has been busy with trips to train and meet with leaders in Haiti, Houston, Kenya, Portland, Toronto, Pittsburgh and Detroit. I've been busy working with our Sonlife Leadership Team putting together our upcoming D•Conference for January. In preparation for that, we've been working on developing new training (4 Chair Discipling) and new resources (40 Days of Disciple-Making Journal) to serve as a catalyst for our disciple-making efforts across North America. God is using these efforts to impact leaders and students... He is faithful!

God has **always been faithful** in providing the ministry support we need to do what He has called us to do. **We are in a season again where we are reminded of our deep dependency on Him.** One of our largest supporters, a church plant that has been giving \$500 a month for our ministry, has made the difficult decision to close their doors. A few other supporters have had to stop giving in 2015 for one reason or another. **Going into 2016, we need to raise an additional \$1,000 a month to make up for lost support.** Will you pray with us for God's provision!

#### Three Ways You Can Help

1. Pray regularly for DHM
2. Share with others about DHM
3. If you're not yet giving regularly, join DHM's monthly support team by giving \$25, \$50, \$100 or more a month.

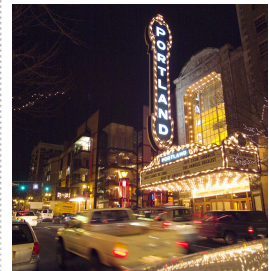
*With Sonlife's Executive Leadership Team... Calvin Russell, our Canadian National Director; Josh Yates, our Associate Director; Joel Zaborowski, our Director of Leadership Development.*



*With Calvin Russell, speaking at the Change Conference in Toronto... [vimeo.com/143819578](https://vimeo.com/143819578)*



*Training leaders in Pittsburgh with Joel Zaborowski.*



*In Portland with Josh Yates.*

Thanks for your generous support, faithful prayers and timely encouragement of our ministry efforts with DHM. We could not do this without you.



# New Sonlife Training & Resources

## 4 CHAIR DISCIPLING SEMINAR & 40 DAYS OF DISCIPLE-MAKING JOURNAL



BE #LIKEJESUS

# METHOD

"COME, FOLLOW ME," JESUS SAID, "AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN."  
MATTHEW 4:19

4 CHAIR DISCIPLING METHOD

JESUS INVITED HIS DISCIPLES TO JOURNEY WITH HIM TOWARD ACCOMPLISHING THE FATHER'S MISSION. JESUS' METHOD IS RELATIONAL, MISSIONAL AND INTENTIONAL.

### JESUS IS RELATIONAL

Jesus spent time with his disciples. He called them friends!

"Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him **those he wanted**, and they came to him. He appointed twelve, **that they might be with him** and that he might send them out to preach." Mark 3:13-14

"I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, **I have called you friends**, for everything I have learned from my Father I have made known to you." John 15:15

### THINK ABOUT IT...

What are some things Jesus said or did that demonstrate the priority he placed on relationships?

Read through Matthew 5-7, the Sermon on the Mount, and identify the parts of his teaching that focus on relationships.

Read through John 17, Jesus' Prayer before going to the cross, and identify the parts of his prayer that focus on relationships.

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In January 2016, we will launch the new *4 Chair Discipling* training we've just developed. Then in April we'll release our follow-up study, the *40 Days of Disciple-Making Journal*. We're trying to finish writing this study by December 15th. Pray for the impact of these new disciple-making tools!

SAMPLE DAY 1

### WALKING AS JESUS WALKED

"Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did." 1 John 2:6

The phrase "What Would Jesus Do?" became popular among Christians in the United States in the 1990's. WWJD bracelets, necklaces, bookmarks, plaques and coffee mugs were everywhere. It was a marketing bonanza! The idea was simple. Before you do or say anything, simply ask yourself, "What would Jesus do?" Then just do it! The movement was inspired by Charles Sheldon's 1896 book, *In His Steps*, subtitled *What Would Jesus Do?* In the fictional book, Sheldon tells the story of the transformation that takes place in one person's life, and as a result, in their church and in their community, as a result of asking this simple question.

Now I have a confession to make. I wore a WWJD bracelet. As a youth pastor, I bought the WWJD curriculum and taught it to my students. It was both inspiring and convicting. In fact, I ordered an entire bag of WWJD bracelets so all my students could wear one.

But what if "What Would Jesus Do?" was the wrong question to ask. Instead of WWJD, wouldn't we be better served to consider WDJD. Shouldn't we be asking, "What Did Jesus Do?"

We often look at the Gospels as a collection of stories about Jesus. In them, we find the message of Jesus. We see what he taught. We marvel at his words. Maybe we find the methods of Jesus. We see what he did. We are amazed by his miracles. And so we're in awe and we worship him as our Lord. But imitating Jesus? Now that's impossible, right?

But look at what Jesus said to his disciples.

"I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." John 13:15

What were Jesus' expectations of his followers?

We need to see Jesus more than just his message and his methods. We need to see him as our model. More than just modeling what to say and what to do, Jesus modeled how to live.

Read 1 John 2:6.  
Re-write this verse in your own words.

It's impossible to ask "What would Jesus do?" and truly do it without first asking "How did Jesus live?" and following his model. How did Jesus relate to the Father? What were his habits and priorities? What were the convictions that guided his habits and priorities? How did what Jesus would say and do flow out of who he was?

From what you know of Jesus' life on earth, write down some thoughts on how you think Jesus walked (lived). How was Jesus able to do what he did?

For those of us who feel like it is an impossible challenge to "walk as Jesus walked," listen to his words to the disciples who were with him day after day for three and a half years and witnessed his radical love, amazing teaching and awe-inspiring miracles first hand.

"I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." John 14:12

What does Jesus say we will do? How will this be possible?

Do you believe him? Jesus says, "I tell you the truth!" Jesus would not say, "I have set you an example that you should follow in my steps" if it were not possible. John would not write, "Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did" if John himself had not walked as Jesus walked. Yes, it is entirely possible for you and me to be like Jesus, to walk as Jesus walked, and to do what Jesus did. This challenge

is a command, but it is also a promise, and that should give each of us confidence for the journey that lies before us.

### Apart From Him...

Ask the Father to help you see Jesus more clearly and pursue Jesus more passionately. This is not a journey toward personal development or your life's purpose, but rather a journey toward (and with) a person, Jesus. You will find your purpose and fulfillment in Him.

### Walking As Jesus...

Connect with at least one friend today to share what you have learned and invite them to take this journey with you.

### My Personal Disciple-Making Plan:

40 DAYS  
OF DISCIPLE-MAKING  
JOURNAL

A DAY SAMPLE STUDY



CREATING DISCIPLE  
MAKING MOVEMENTS  
**AS JESUS DID**

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