

Revolution

Join the Ranks of the Resistance

Definition: A sudden, complete or marked change in something; a drastic and far reaching change in ways of **thinking** and **behaving**.

In the New Testament Spiritual Patriots are called **Disciples**.

Mk. 8:34-36 (NIV) "Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my **disciple** must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?'"

In the New Testament:

- Christian is used **3** times
- Disciple is used **269** times

The New Testament was written **about** disciples, **by** disciples, **for** disciples.

I. Accept Christ's **call** to **discipleship**.

- Disciple in Greek is "Mathetes", a **learner** or **pupil**. Its root means to learn by use or by **practice**; to be in the **habit** of.

Lk. 6:40 "A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher."

5 Ways We Learn:

- Listening—I **record** Y/N
- Observing—I **research** Y/N
- Discussing—I **reason** Y/N
- Participating—I **realize** Y/N
- Meditation—I **remember** Y/N

Mt. 11:28-30 "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and **learn** from me for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls."

Php. 4:9 "Whatever you have learned or received, or heard from me, or seen in me, put it into **practice** and the God of peace will be with you."

- Spiritual disciplines are the new habits that empower a disciple to grow and become progressively more in tune with Christ's presence.
- Spiritual disciplines are the things I do now that will enable me in the future to be able to do what I otherwise could not do.

1 Tim. 4:7-8 "Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, **train** yourself to be godly. For physical **training** is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."

- Get better at **learning**--within community.

II. Accept Christ's **command** of **leadership**.

Mk. 8:34a (Jesus) “Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me **lead**. You're not in the driver's seat; I am” (MSG).

Mt. 28:18-20a “Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All **authority** in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have **commanded** you.’”

Mt. 4:19a (NCV) “Jesus said, “Come **follow** me.”

1 Corinthians 11:1 (The Apostle Paul) “**Follow** my example, as I **follow** the example of Christ.”

- Get better at **following** (submitting)-within Community.

III. Accept Christ's **cross** of mentorship.

Mk. 8:34 “Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: ‘If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his **cross** and follow me.’”

Mk. 8:34b (MSG) “Don't run from **suffering**; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how.’”

Rom. 8:17-18 “And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.”

1 Pe. 4:12-13 “Dear friends, don't be surprised or shocked that you...suffer as Christ suffered” (CEV). “This is a spiritual refining process, with glory just around the corner” (MSG).

- Get better at **suffering**, -within community.

2 Cor. 1:3-6 “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.5 For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.”