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- **Matthew 4:18-22**

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19 And he saith unto them, **Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.**

20 And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

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- **Matthew 4:18-22** (Continue)

21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

22 **And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.**

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- **Matthew 4:18-22 (NASB)**

18 Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 19 And He said to them, “**Follow Me**, and **I will make you fishers of men.**”

20 Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. 21 Going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the *son* of Zebedee and John his brother in the boat

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- **Matthew 4:18-22 (NIV)**

18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 “Come, follow me (Come here after me),” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” 20 At once they left their nets and followed him.

21 Going on from there, he saw two other



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- **Mark 1:17 (KJV)**

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- **Mark 1:17 (NIV)**

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- “In the first-century Jewish society, Torah shared center stage with Jerusalem” (Young, 2007, p. 29), and “the central passion of the people of Jesus’ world was teaching, living, and obeying the Torah” (Bell, 2005, p. 123). Neudecker (1999) found that in the disciple-rabbinical relationship in Rabbinic Judaism, “Torah study is considered as a form of the worship of God... [and] it is the very (continue)

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- purpose of one's existence... [as they believe that learning much Torah] is the purpose for which you [they] were created" (p. 250). Bell (2005) stated that "[they] believed that the Torah was the way, the truth, and the life... [And for them] the best way to live was to live how the Torah said to live" (p. 123). Adults were responsible to guide and nurture children in the "way of the Lord" (Jankiewicz & Jankiewicz, 2011) and to them the Torah was "the

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- Education was not seen as a luxury or even as an option, but as the key to survival and “The Torah was seen as so central to life that if you lost it, you lost everything” (Bell, 2005, p. 123). Bell quoted from the first century Jewish historian Josephus, “Above all else, we pride ourselves on the education of our children” pointing out that teaching, learning and applying the Torah was the very essence of Jewish people’s survival

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*Bet Sefer*

“House of the Book”

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## *Bet Sefer*

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6 – 10 years old

Learned and memorized

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Pentateuch



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14 or 15 – 30 years old  
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- **Matthew 4:18-22 / Mark 1:14-20 / Luke 5:1-11 / John 1:35-42**

- **John 1:35-42** *Jesus' First Disciples*

*Late Autumn of AD 27*

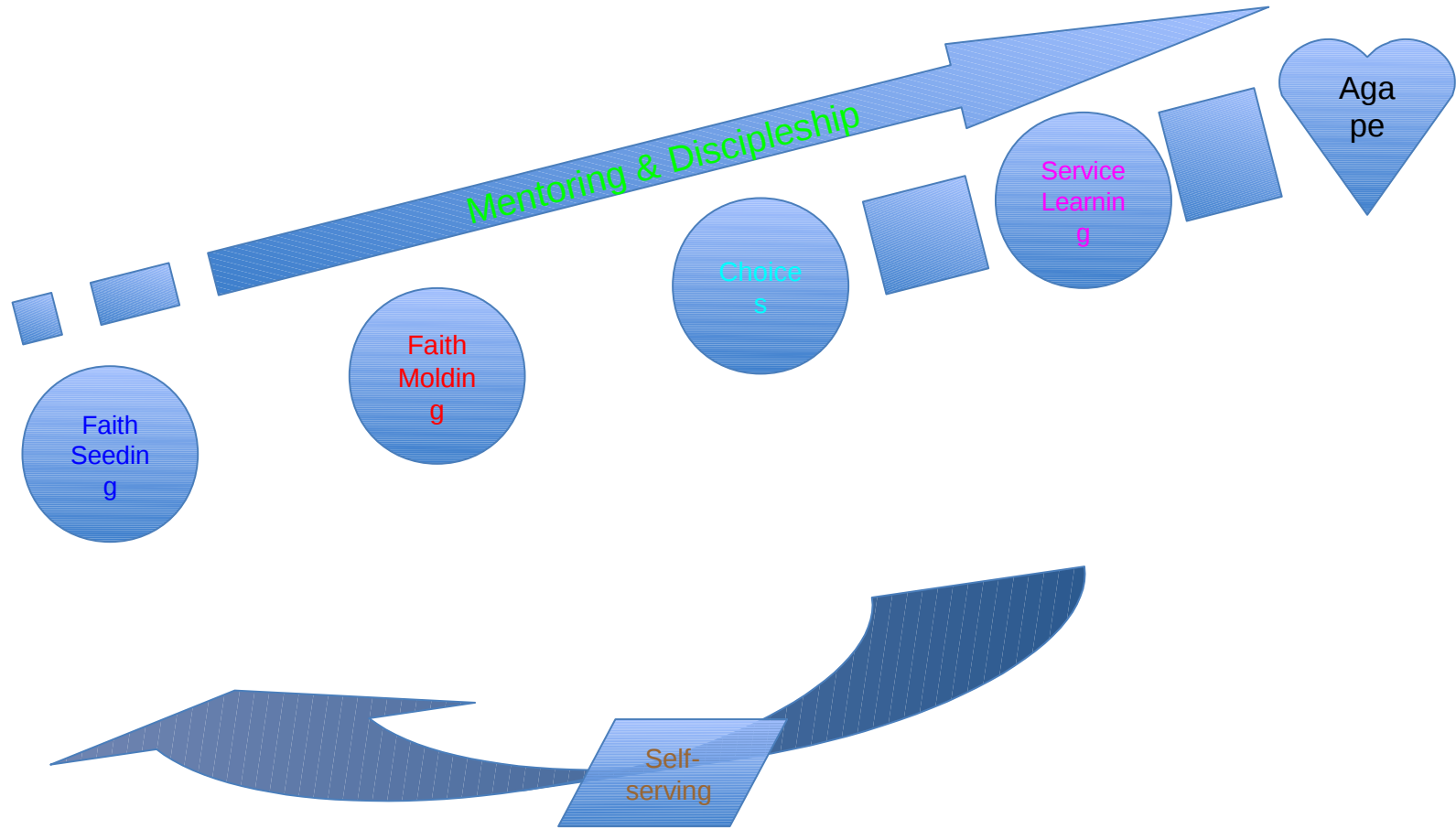
or *Early Winter of AD 27*

- **Matthew 4:18-22 / Mark 1:14-20 / Luke 5:1-11** *The Calling of the First "Fulltime" Disciples* *Spring of AD 29* and now the disciples followed Rabbi Jesus trusting

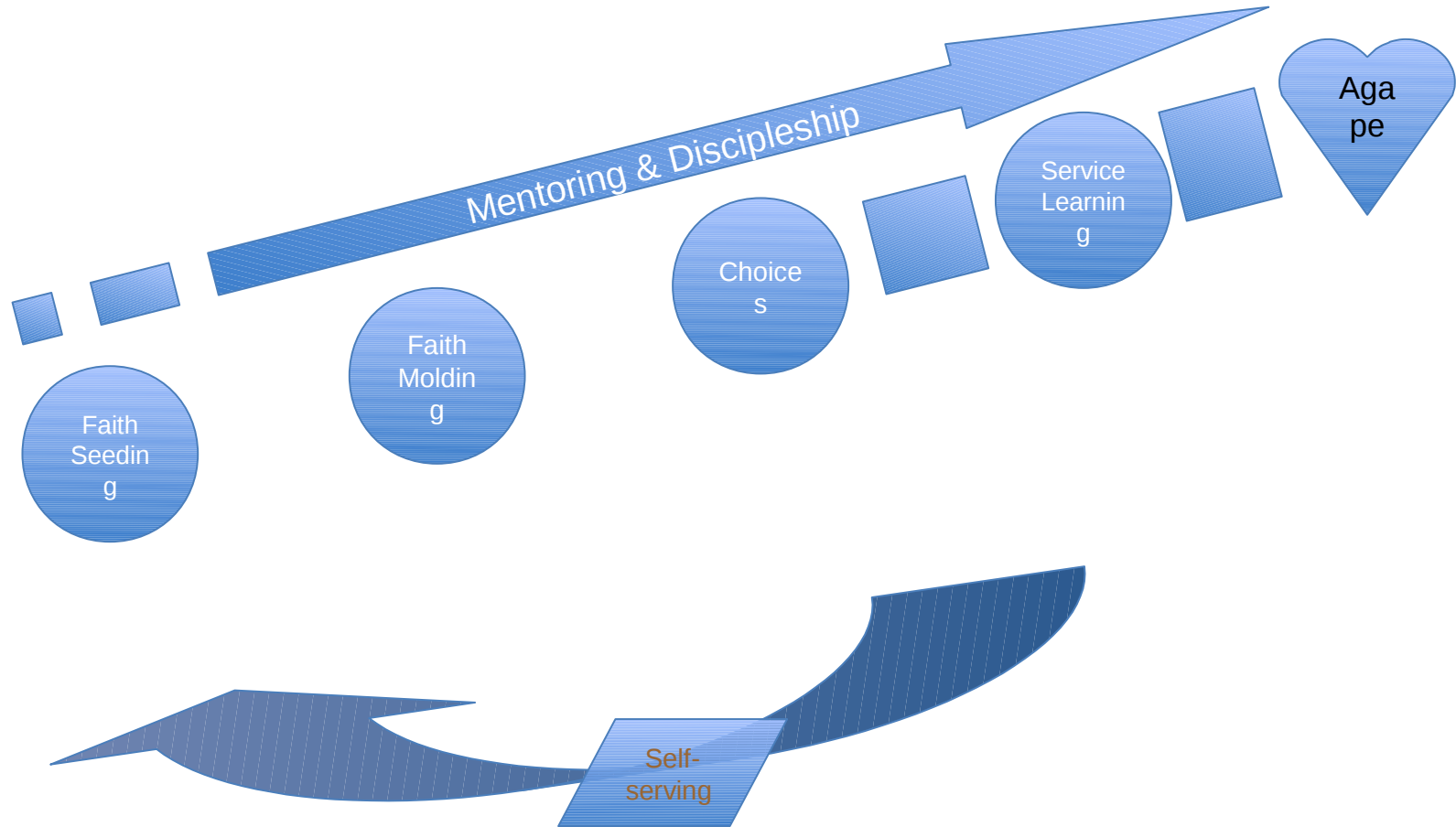
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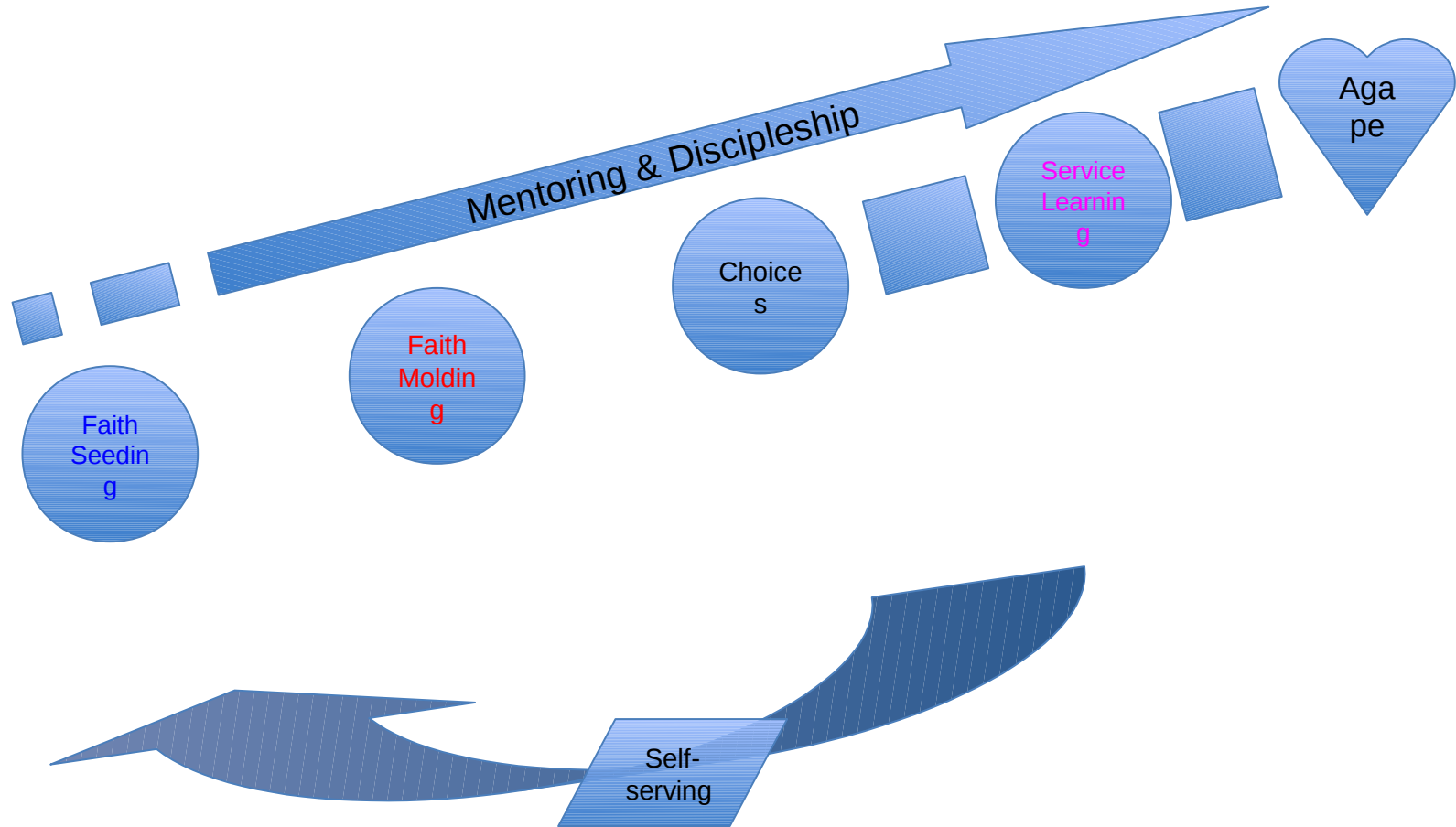
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- **Theological Foundation for Mentoring & Discipleship:**
  - What is mentoring and what is discipleship?
  - These two words are closely related, but the origins of these two words are from two very different backgrounds. Mentoring comes from Greek mythology and discipleship from the Greek word *disciple* in the New Testament.



# Theological Foundation for Mentoring & Discipleship

- “The word ‘mentoring’ comes from Greek mythology... In Homer’s *Odyssey*, Mentor was the wise and trusted companion and friend of Ulysses and the guardian of his house during his ten-year absence at the Trojan wars. He acted as teacher and adviser of Ulysses’ son Telemachus, helping him to develop sound values, attitudes and behavior so that he would mature to be an upright, wise and courageous adult.” (Mallison, 1998)
- “Mentor was the wise and trusted companion and friend of Ulysses who was in charge of Ulysses’ son, taking very good care of him, so that he would become a mature, upright, wise and courageous



# Theological Foundation for Mentoring & Discipleship

- “However, now the word ‘mentor’ is being used to describe someone who provides special care, nurture, attention and assistance to others in order to allow them to reach their maximum potential.” (Moon, 2013)
- “A mentor in the Bible sense establishes a close relationship with a protégé and on that basis through fellowship, modeling, advice, encouragement, correction, practical assistance and prayer support influences his understudy to gain a deeper comprehension of divine truth, lead a godlier life and render more effective service to God. (Krallmann, 2002)



# Theological Foundation for Mentoring & Discipleship

- “According to Krallmann’s definition of a mentor, **Jesus was a mentor to His disciples.** From His first command to His disciples to follow Him, to His last command to go and make disciples, Jesus was there for them, always present, available and ready to serve them and to teach the principles of the heavenly kingdom. This definition allows us to see how **mentoring and discipleship are closely linked and related.**” (Moon, 2013)
- “Christian mentoring is a dynamic, intentional relationship of trust in which one person enables another to maximize the grace of God in their life and service” (Mollican, 1998)



# Theological Foundation for Mentoring & Discipleship

- Biehl (1996) defines mentoring simply as, “Mentoring is a lifelong relationship, in which a member helps a protégé reach her or his God-given potential.”
- Mallison (1998) gives another definition of mentoring of potential leaders by J. Robert Clinton: “Mentoring refers to the process in which a person with a serving, giving, encouraging attitude (Mentor), sees the leadership potential in a still to be developed person and is able to prompt or otherwise significantly influence that person along to the realization of his/her potential.”





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- “In searching for a biblical definition, Mallison (1998) explained that Bishop John Reid uses Jesus’ command to Peter ‘strengthen thy brethren’ (Luke 22:32) as the basis for a biblical definition, as Peter was commissioned to do for his peers what Jesus did for him, enabling him to minister. According to Mallison (1998), Reid states that ‘Mentoring describes an intentional and deliberate attitude to encourage another’s life and ministry. It finds its biblical basis in Jesus’ words to Peter’” (Moon, 2013)



# Theological Foundation for Mentoring & Discipleship

- Mentoring and Discipleship share common values and principle.
- Mentoring and Discipleship are often used interchangeably as some prefer the word “mentoring/mentorship” when others prefer the word “discipleship”?
- **How can we define Discipleship?**
- **What is Discipleship?**



# Theological Foundation for Mentoring & Discipleship

- “The term *discipleship* has been used by many for many years, but when asked, one will notice that people mean different things when they talk about discipleship. Discipleship began when Jesus bade His disciples to ‘**Come, follow Me** [Him]’ (**Matt 4:19; Mark 1:17**). However, it is unclear to many whether ‘following’ means to simply enter into a relationship with Jesus, learn from Him, and be content with it or to go further and fulfill Jesus’ commission to ‘make disciples of all nations’ (**Matt 28:19**, NASB).” (Moon, 2013)



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- “I would suggest that the biblical meaning of discipleship is to fulfill Jesus’ command to follow Him, **which includes also the commission to make disciples as Jesus did.** The command to follow Jesus is a command to be like Him in everything, including giving one’s own life for others as Jesus did. Beagles (2009) stated that ‘at a minimum, both following Christ and making other disciples are involved in the concept of discipleship’ (p. 20).”  
(Moon, 2013)



# Theological Foundation for Mentoring & Discipleship

- **What is the purpose of Christian mentoring and discipleship?**

“It is to allow a new believer to meet and experience Jesus as the followers/disciples of Jesus did. Then, to empower them to introduce others to Jesus allowing them also to meet, learn and experience Jesus for a higher and more meaningful life and finally, to become like Christ. Samra (2003) concluded, ‘it is best to think of **discipleship** as **the process of becoming like Christ**’ (p. 220).” (Moon, 2013)



# Theological Foundation for Mentoring & Discipleship

- “The term *disciple* is often understood to be a follower or a student of a mentor, teacher, or other figure. Bonhoeffer (1963) explained, ‘Discipleship means adherence to Christ, and, because Christ is the object of that adherence, it must take the form of discipleship’ (p. 63). What is discipleship? A simple definition I would provide is following Jesus to learn from Him and to become like Him.” (Moon, 2013)



# Old Testament Examples of Mentoring/Discipleship

- **Jethro and Moses (Exodus 18)**

In Exodus 18, we can see how Jethro, Moses' father-in-law mentored Moses. After 40 years of tending Jethro's sheep, Moses had a special relationship with his father-in-law which allowed Moses to receive counsel from him when he visited. Jethro taught and instructed Moses how to delegate responsibilities (Exod 18:17-23). The Bible says that "So Moses listened to his father-in-law and did all that he had said" (Exod 18:24, NASB).



# Old Testament Examples of Mentoring/Discipleship

- **Moses, Joshua and Caleb** (Deut 31)

In Deut 31, Moses repeatedly encouraged Joshua to be strong and courageous. Moses summoned Joshua and gave him instructions and revealed to him God's plans for him (Deut 31:7). Then, he assured and comforted him by saying that the LORD will never leave him or forsake him (Deut 31:8). The Israelites listened to Joshua because Moses laid his hands on Joshua and he was "filled with the spirit of wisdom" (Deut 34:9, NIV).





# Old Testament Examples of Mentoring/Discipleship

- **Elijah and Elisha (1 Kings 19)**

Elijah called Elisha to become his apprentice to carry on his ministry, simply by putting his cloak around him, and Elisha followed Elijah and became his “assistant” (1 Kings 19:19-21, NLT). When Elisha was called, he requested of Elijah that he be allowed to go back “to kiss my [his] father and mother good-bye” (1 Kings 19:20, NIV) and returned abandoning his former trade in order to follow Elijah as his apprentice starting a new life fully dependent



# New Testament Examples of Mentoring/Discipleship

- **Barnabas and Paul (Acts 9)**

The meaning of the name Barnabas is “son of encouragement” (Acts 4:36, NASB) and indeed he was an encouraging mentor of Paul. The Bible tells us that “he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith” (Acts 11:24, NASB). When Paul tried to join the disciples, they were afraid of him, but Barnabas took him in and brought him to the apostles and gave a good report of him resulting him to be able to stay with them and



## New Testament Examples of Mentoring/Discipleship

- **Priscilla, Aquila and Apollos (Acts 18)**

Priscilla was one of the most notable fellow workers of Paul, perhaps more distinguished than her husband Aquila. Both of them mentored and disciplined Apollos explaining and teaching him “the way of God more accurately” (Acts 18:24-26, NASB). It was more than parenting as they taught Apollos how to preach about Jesus more accurately as they encouraged and supported Apollos.



# New Testament Examples of Mentoring/Discipleship

- **Paul, Timothy and Titus**

Paul calls Timothy “my beloved and faithful child in the Lord” (1 Cor 4:17), “my true child in the faith” (1 Tim 1:2, NASB) and “my beloved son” (2 Tim 1:2, NASB). Timothy was converted when he was very young and the two often worked closely together. Paul was giving counsels to Timothy and also affirmed him (2 Tim 3:10-15) as his mentor. Paul also had a special relationship with Titus and supported and commanded him (2 Cor 12:14-



## New Testament Examples of Mentoring/Discipleship

- **Jesus, the Disciples and Mary Magdalene**

In addition to the disciples, one of the followers of Jesus was Mary Magdalene, who followed Jesus with His twelve disciples (Luke 8:1-3). Since the time Jesus drove out seven demons from her, she followed Jesus and had the privilege to announce first that Jesus had risen (Matt 28:1-8; Mark 16:1-11). Her love for Jesus shows how much she appreciated Jesus' company and His mentoring and discipleship.



## Peer Mentoring/Discipleship in the Bible

### • **David and Jonathan**

Jonathan, as son of the king, would have become king if it had not been for David. Yet, there was such a deep friendship and camaraderie, love, respect, and care for one

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# **Mentoring/Discipling Early Adolescents in the Bible**

- **Jochebed and Moses**
- **Jacob and Joseph**
- **Samuel and Eli**
- **Elijah and the Widow's Son**
- **Elisha and the Shunammite's Son**
- **Lois and Eunice with Timothy**
- **Jesus and Children**

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*Rabbi* Jesus—Jesus the  
Teacher

“Come, Follow Me!”

What was Jesus trying to  
teach His  
disciples/talmidim?



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- **John 14:6** (KJV)

6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life**: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

- **Matthew 11:30** (KJV)

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

- **John 13:35** (NASB)

35 By this all men will know that you are My

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- **Mark 1:17 (KJV)**

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- **Mark 1:17 (NASB)**

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- **Mark 1:17 (NIV)**

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- The Acts of the Apostles, p. 17

“For three years and a half the disciples were under the instruction of **the greatest Teacher the world has ever known**. By personal contact and association, **Christ trained them for His service**. Day by day they walked and talked with Him, hearing His words of cheer to the weary and heavy-laden, and seeing the manifestation of His power in behalf of the sick and the afflicted.

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- The Acts of the Apostles, p. 17

Sometimes He taught them, sitting among them on the mountainside; sometimes beside the sea or walking by the way, He revealed the mysteries of the kingdom of God. Wherever hearts were open to receive the divine message, He unfolded the truths of the way of salvation. He did not command the disciples to do this or that, but said, “**Follow Me.**” (Conti.)

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- The Acts of the Apostles, p. 17

On His journeys through country and cities, He took them with Him, that they might see how He taught the people. They traveled with Him from place to place. They shared His frugal fare, and like Him were sometimes hungry and often weary. On the crowded streets, by the lakeside, in the lonely desert, they were with Him. **They saw Him in every phase of life.**

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- The Desire of Ages, p. 19

It will be seen that the glory shining in the face of Jesus is **the glory of self-sacrificing love**. In the light from Calvary it will be seen **that the law of self-renouncing love is the law of life for earth and heaven**; that the love which “**seeketh not her own**” has its source in the heart of God; and that in the meek and lowly One is manifested the character of Him who dwelleth in the light which no man

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## The Danger of Self-Sufficiency

- Lift Him Up, p. 310 (Ellen G. White)

“Self-esteem and self-sufficiency are killing spiritual life. Self is lifted up; self is talked about. Oh, that self might die! ‘I die daily,’ said the apostle Paul. When this proud, boasting self-sufficiency and this complacent self-righteousness permeate the soul, there is no room for Jesus. He is given an inferior place, while self swells into importance and fills

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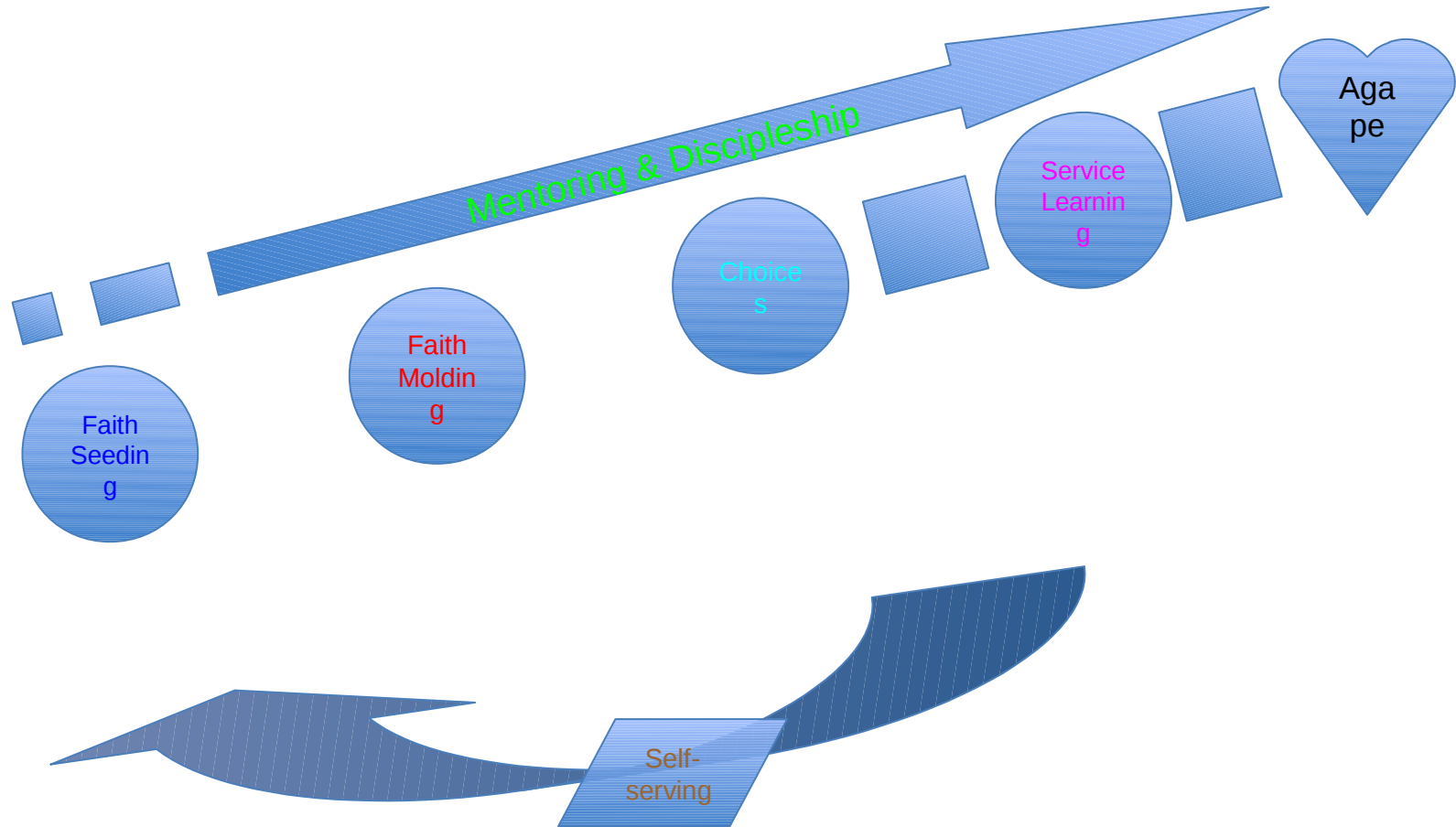
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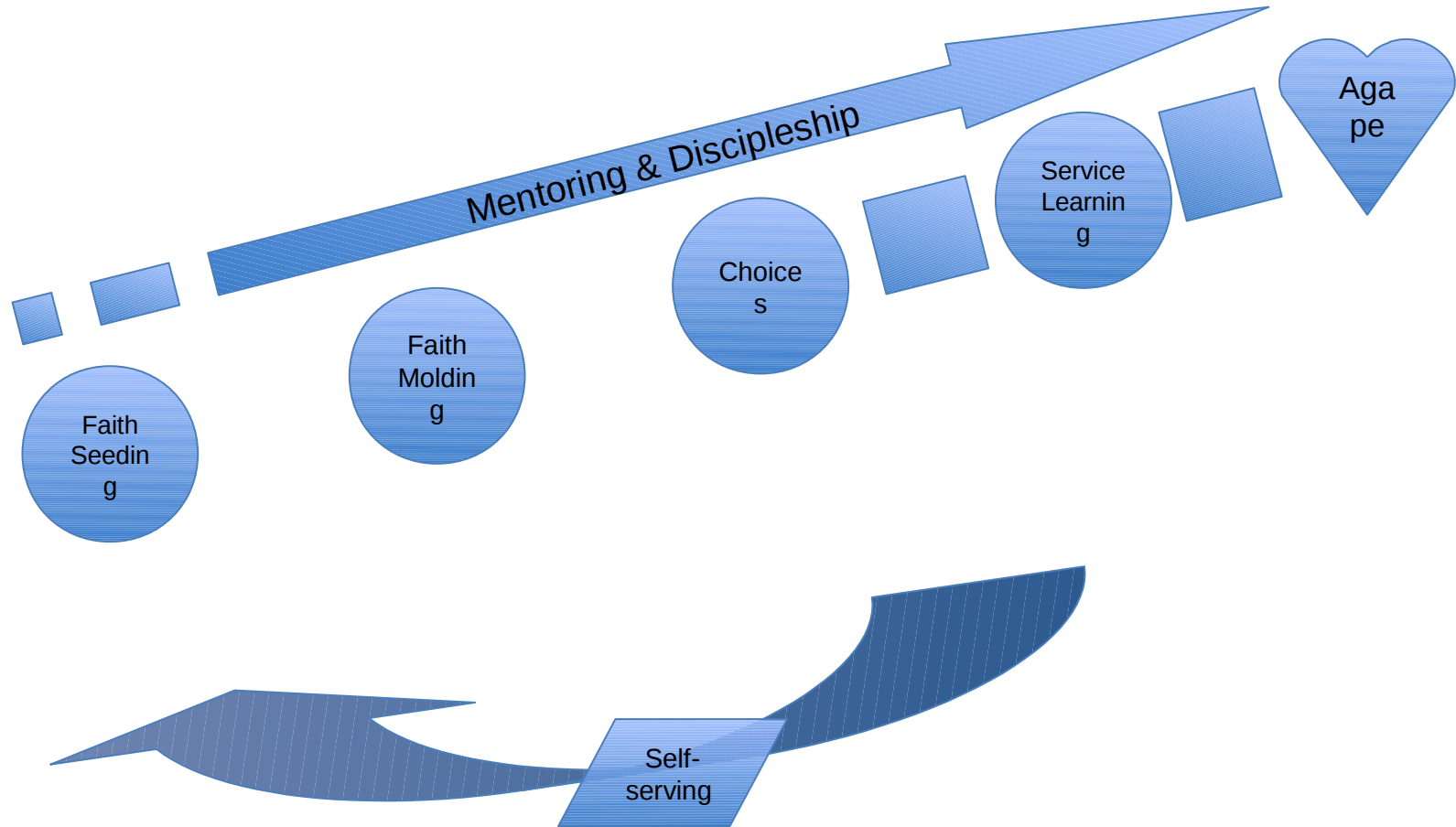
This is the reason why the Lord can do so little for us. Should He work with our efforts, the instrument would appropriate all the glory to his own smartness, his wisdom, his ability, and he would congratulate himself, as did the Pharisee: 'I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.' When self shall be hidden in Christ it will not be brought to



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John 13:35

“By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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Disciple & Apostle

Matthew 10:1-7

*Discipulus & Apostolos*

*(apo+stello)*

“Learner” & “One Who Is  
Sent Away”

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- **Matthew 10:1-7**

1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, **he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.**

5 These twelve **Jesus sent forth**, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:

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- **F** Friendship, Forgiveness, Fellowship
- **O** Openness, Honesty, Sharing
- **L** Love (Agapao, Agape=U.L.) & Lowliness,
- **L** Loyalty
- **O** Obedience
- **W** Worship
- **M** Mentoring, Modeling, Discipleship
- **E** Empowered to Serve, Self-Sacrifice

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- The Acts of the Apostles, p. 816

“To Peter the words ‘Follow Me’ were full of instruction. Not only for his death, but for every step of his life, was the lesson given... Jesus bids him, ‘Follow Me.’ Do not run ahead of Me ... Let Me go before you ...”

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- The Desire of Ages, p. 340

As witnesses for Christ, we are to tell what we know, what we ourselves have seen and heard and felt. If we have been following Jesus step by step, we shall have something right to the point to tell concerning the way in which He has led us.

We can tell how we have tested His promise, and found the promise true.

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- The Desire of Ages, p. 340

We can bear witness to what we have known of the grace of Christ. This is the witness for which our Lord calls, and for want of which the world is perishing.

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Matthew 10:38

“And he who does not  
take his cross and follow  
after Me is not worthy  
of Me.”

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John 10:11

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

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1 John 3:16

This is how we know  
what love is: Jesus  
Christ laid down his life  
for us. And we ought to

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John 15:12-14

“This is My commandment,  
that you love one another, just  
as I have loved you. Greater  
love has no one than this, that  
one lay down his life for his

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John 13:35

“By this all men will know that you are My disciples, **if you have love for one another.**”

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Matthew 16:24

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself,

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How old were the disciples?

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself,



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Why So Young?

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself,

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1 Corinthians 11:1

“An Invitation to  
FOLLOW”

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- 1 Corinthians 11:1

“Be ye **followers** (*mimetes* = an imitator) **of me**, even as I also *am* Christ.” (KJV)

“**Be imitators of me**, just as I also am of Christ.” (NASB)

“**Follow my example**, as I follow the example of Christ.” (NIV)

“**And you should imitate me**, just as I imitate Christ.” (NLT)

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John 13:35

“By this all men will know that you are My disciples, **if you have love for one another.**”

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- Be **REAL** to people around you especially your young people!

**R** Relational

**E** Exemplary, Encouraging & Empowering

**A** Authentic

**L** Loving & Loyal & Lowly

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1 Corinthians 11:1

“Be ye followers of me,  
even as I also am of  
Christ.”

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1. James the son of Zebedee: Herod Agrippa killed him with a sword (44-45 A.D.)
2. Simon Peter: He was crucified upside down (64 A.D.)
3. Andrews (Peter's brother): He was crucified, according to Hippolytus, he was hanged on olive tree at Patrae, a town in Achaia (70 A.D.)
4. Thomas: He was thrust through with pine spears, tormented with red-hot plates, and

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5. Philip: He was tortured and then crucified (54 A.D.)
6. Matthew: He was beheaded at Nad-Davar or speared to death (60-70 A.D.)
7. Nathanael (Bartholomew): He was flayed beaten and then crucified (70 A.D.)
8. James the Lesser: He was cast down from the Temple and finally beaten to death with a fuller's club to the head (63 A.D.)

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9. Simon the Zealot: He was crucified by a governor in Syria (74 A.D.)
10. Judas Thaddeus: He was beaten to death with sticks (72 A.D.)
11. Matthias: He was stoned while hanging upon a cross (70 A.D.)
12. John: He died of natural death but he was thrown into boiling oil before the Latin Gate (95 A.D.)

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