



Who's Your One

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TODAY'S READING: 1 Thessalonians 2

Have you ever thought about the everyday opportunities God gives us to love, care for and help people take next steps? This does not always require a big elaborate plan. Maybe it is a friend who is struggling with reading his Bible every day. Or, maybe it is the coworker who is going through a difficult time and needs care. These opportunities are right in front of us, but we do not always know what to do.

When we feel like we do not know what to do, we can look at Paul's example of what it looks like to help people follow Jesus. Paul cared for people just as a mother would care for her child (1 Thessalonians 2:7-8). He did not see people as projects or throw his weight around claiming he was better than them. He invested in them because he wanted them to grow in their faith and take next steps. Paul's discipleship was remarkable because it was both effective and selfless.

Paul poured into the Thessalonians by "encouraging, comforting and urging [them] to live lives worthy of God, who calls [them] into his kingdom and glory" (1 Thessalonians 2:12).

Paul encourages us to do the same thing in our everyday lives. We can text that friend who is struggling with reading the Bible every morning with a sweet reminder to read. We can comfort the coworker who is going through a tough time by talking with them and assuring them that God has everything under His power.

When we regularly come alongside someone that needs help it allows them to see God at work in you. When we are helping people take steps in their faith journey, we cannot forget to celebrate the wins. When that friend reads his Bible, be quick to celebrate with him.

Helping people follow Jesus does not have to be hard. Just being there for people, helping them take faith steps and celebrating the wins is discipleship.

PRAYER: Lord, help me to see the people You have put around me. Help me to love, care for, pray and share Christ with them.

TOMORROW'S READING: Weekend is for catch-up and review.

MONDAY'S READING: 1 Thessalonians 3

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