

# **Mentoring: A Missing Key to Spiritual Maturity**

**2 Timothy 1:1-8,13-14**

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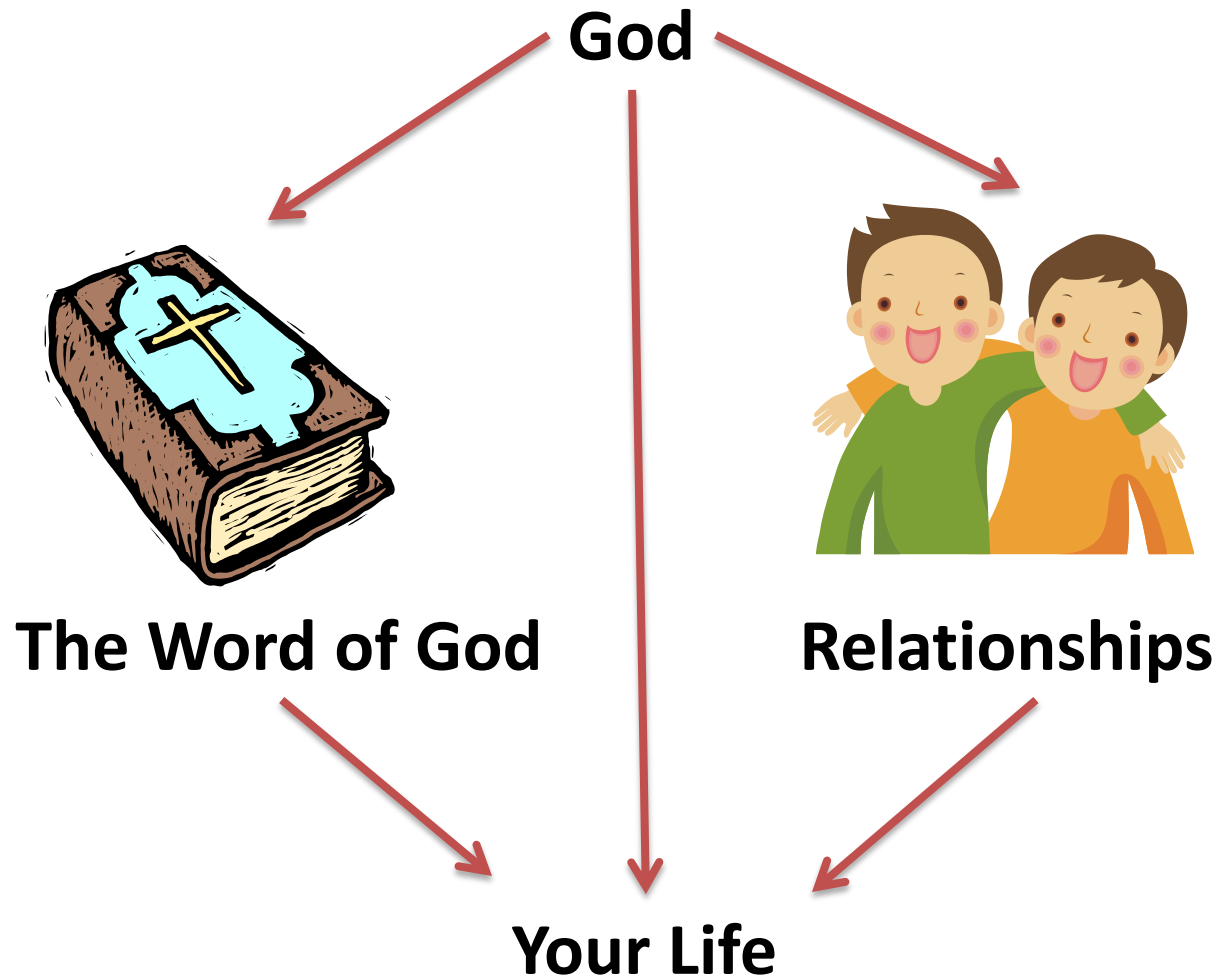
# The Discipleship Ship



# Discipleship

***Matt 28:18-20 NASB*** - *And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. "Go therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

# Discipleship is based on:



# Primary Ingredients of Discipleship/Mentorship

- 1. The Word of God**
- 2. Relationship**
- 3. Time Investment**



Most church programs only provide 1 or 2 ingredients of discipleship.

# The Problem

**The World often does more discipleship  
(relational influence) than the Church.**

Biggest Influences on Teens (in order):

1. Friends and Peers
2. Family
3. The Media
4. School

# The Numbers

- Hours in school:  $35 \text{ h/wk} * 52 \text{ weeks} * 6 \text{ years}$   
= **10,920 hours in school**
- Hours in church:  $3 \text{ h/wk} * 52 \text{ weeks} * 6 \text{ years} =$   
**936 hours church**
- About **12x more time** around ungodly influences than godly influences
- Relationships shape and define us

# Too many teachers, too few fathers

**1 Corinthians 4:15-17 NASB/NLT** - *For even if you had ten thousand others to teach you about Christ, yet you would not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. So I urge you to imitate me. That's why I have sent Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord. He will remind you of how I follow Christ Jesus, just as I teach in all the churches wherever I go.*

# The Solution: Mentorship

## Example: Paul and Timothy

- 2 Timothy 1:1-8,13-14 NLT** - This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus. I have been sent out to tell others about the life he has promised through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> I am writing to **Timothy, my beloved son**. May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace. <sup>3</sup> **Timothy, I thank God for you**—the God I serve with a clear conscience, just as my ancestors did. **Night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers.** <sup>4</sup> **I long to see you again, for I remember your tears as we parted. And I will be filled with joy when we are together again.**
- <sup>5</sup> **I remember your genuine faith**, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. **And I know that same faith continues strong in you.** <sup>6</sup> **This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you.** <sup>7</sup> For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. <sup>8</sup> So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. And don't be ashamed of me, either, even though I'm in prison for him, but **join with me** in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God... <sup>13</sup> **Hold on to the pattern of wholesome teaching you learned from me**—a pattern shaped by the faith and love that you have in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, **carefully guard the treasure that has been entrusted to you.**

1. **Fatherly love:** *“Timothy, my beloved son” “I constantly remember you.”*
2. **Intercession:** *“I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day”*
3. **Time Investment:** (togetherness, hanging out) *“I long to see you again”*
4. **Mutual Relationship:** *“ I long to see you again, for I remember your tears as we parted. And I will be filled with joy when we are together again.”*
5. **Intimacy:** *“I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you. ”*
6. **Accountability, Encouragement:** *“For this reason I remind you.”*
7. **Impartation:** *“For this reason I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you.”*
8. **Teaching:** *“Hold on to the pattern of wholesome teaching you learned from me.”*
9. **Modeling :** *“join with me in suffering for the gospel”*

**Philippians 2:19-22 NASB** - *But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition. 20For I have no one else of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare. 21For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus. 22But you know of his proven worth, that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child serving his father.*

- 10. Like-minded and hearted:** *“For I have no one else of kindred spirit”*
- 11. Partnership in ministry:** *“he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child serving his father.”*

# What should I look for in a mentor?

- Someone you look up to, want to be like, mature
- Sometimes a parent or family member – but not usually. Need an “outsider” to open up to.
- Someone who is able to commit, consistent (it has to be mutual).
- Commit to a “trial period” then reevaluate if you want to continue meeting.
- Compatibility
- Components of mentorship: the Word, relationship, time investment

# Application

- Get a mentor

AND/OR

Become a mentor

- Pray for God to bring a mentor into your life, direct you to the right person to mentor – It's his will!