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THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *The Lord God has given Me the tongue of disciples (those instructed), that I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens my ear to listen (hearing, with the implication to obey) as a disciple. The Lord God has opened My ear; and I was not disobedient, nor did I turn back.*

### Call It An Epiphany—Maybe

I had an epiphany the other day, I think. You know how, in your journey with the Lord, there are some things you instinctively know, other things you learn by being taught, and still other things you just kind of picked up along the way, but you just may not recognize them for what they actually are until someone either intentionally or unintentionally points it out to you? (I hope I haven't lost you already.) I had one of those times this past week.

Throughout a series of conversations I was in, it dawned on me—surely not for the first time— that everything I do, say and act on as a follower of Jesus is all tied up in me being His disciple. I know that I know this. I have known this for quite some time to one degree or another. But it hit me much differently this time in this set of circumstances.

Not only am I being “discipled” by Jesus through others in the Body of Christ, He is using me to disciple others, and it's something each one of us is called to do. [By the way, just a side note, you will not find the word “disciple” used as a verb in the Bible, at least not in the New American Standard Bible translation that I use. And when I typed “disciple” in the verb forms above, I got the red underlinings telling me I'd done it wrong. Interesting...] Anyway, the part of this that I've gotten all along is that I am a disciple of Jesus, often learning through others in the Body of Christ how to live a more Christ-like life. But where my epiphany came for me is that I am also **discipling** others, specifically as it relates to my role as Ministry Director of Abba's Delight. I am discipling those men in our Overcomers support group and those who attend our Family and Friends support group by providing them a plan and a forum for how to find the Lord's grace and provision to deal with the impact that homosexuality has had on their lives. They are equipped with various tools for their overcoming process, but more importantly, what my course has been and continues to be for each one is to point them towards Jesus; to nudge them to be in touch with Him as their source for love, life, grace, mercy, peace, etc; to help them see Him clearer when they seem to be fighting to stay

focused on Him. So for me, the revelation was that what I have been doing these several years in ministry is actually discipleship.

Many of us, including myself, have been scared to use the “D” word for quite some time, for fear it would cause to resurface in the saints unpleasant memories of past spiritual experiences. But the fact is Jesus never called it “mentoring,” “accountability,” or the “buddy system.” He told us to make disciples. And not just to get them into the family of God, but to help them to stay in the family of God, so that they do not become like the seeds that are choked out and die, but instead grow through obedience to Him.

We should consider it a blessing and a calling to be offered a role in Father’s plan to bring His kingdom to the earth, and for His will be to done on earth as it is in heaven. Each person’s journey toward becoming and living as a disciple of Jesus will be different from others’, but as long as we are poised toward Him, with our eyes fixed on Him, we’ll be able to receive from and learn from one another as His disciples, and we’ll be able to pass along to those coming behind us what He is teaching us. Not just so we can be swell folks in the end, but so that we can be useful in His kingdom as faithful sons and daughters.

### **Upcoming Ministry Meetings**

Overcomers Support Group: Thursday, January 26, 2012; Thursday, February 9, 2012; Thursday, February 23, 2012

Family & Friends Support Group: Tuesday, January 31, 2012; Thursday, February 14, 2012; Tuesday, February 28, 2012

### **Ongoing Prayer Requests**

Please pray for our Overcomers Support Group, that each one of them will pursue his relationship with Jesus as fiercely as he knows how, that each will continue to become more perfectly conformed to the image of Jesus as he learns obedience to the King, and that lasting changes from the inside out will bear fruit in his life, leading other men to Him.

Please ask the Lord to bring new participants to the Overcomers Support Group, who will be searching for the Lord to bring them wholeness and purity.

Please pray for our Family & Friends Support Group members to receive wisdom from Father in learning how to share His love with their loved ones whose lives have been impacted by homosexuality. Please pray for those who would benefit from attending this support group, but who are kept out by pride and shame, that they will overcome their own obstacles with the Lord’s strength, so that they can begin to receive their healing from Him.

Please pray for our search to add new Board Members to Abba's Delight. If you or anyone you know would be willing to serve on our Board, please ask them to contact me to inquire about serving.

Please pray for the ongoing work of developing our website. Some of it is complete, but we still have a long way to go. Ask the Lord to give me the time, wisdom and speed to write the pieces that still need to be added.

### **Responses From You**

Hearing from you reinforces that our ministry is touching lives, not just those who have a direct connection to someone with same sex attractions, but all of you who are following Jesus. If you are challenged, reminded, encouraged or even offended, please email us your thoughts and comments. We love to hear what the Lord is speaking in your life.

### **End Of Year Financial Sowing**

Thank you to all of you who made those final tax-deductible contributions at the end of the year. You should have received your annual contribution statements by now. If you have not, please let me know.

### **Full Time Ministry Plans**

As of today, we have received \$275.00 per month in monthly pledges/giving towards our goal of \$2900/per month, in order for me to be able to take Abba's Delight full time, which would enable me to quit my day job. That means we still need \$2625 per month. If you believe in what we are doing to help bring freedom to those in the Body of Christ in a way that very few ministries are endeavoring, then please seek the Lord about becoming a monthly donor. I long to be able to leave my day job and concentrate on meeting with church staff, pastors, other ministry leaders, prayer groups, Bible studies, etc. But these folks generally only meet during daytime hours. So we need your help. Thank you for your consideration.

If you do not wish to receive the Abba's Delight Ministry Newsletter any longer, please let me know. If you do wish to continue to receive it, please be certain to put our email address in your address book, so that this mailing does not go to your spam, and report to your carrier. Thank you.

***Now unto Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24, 25***