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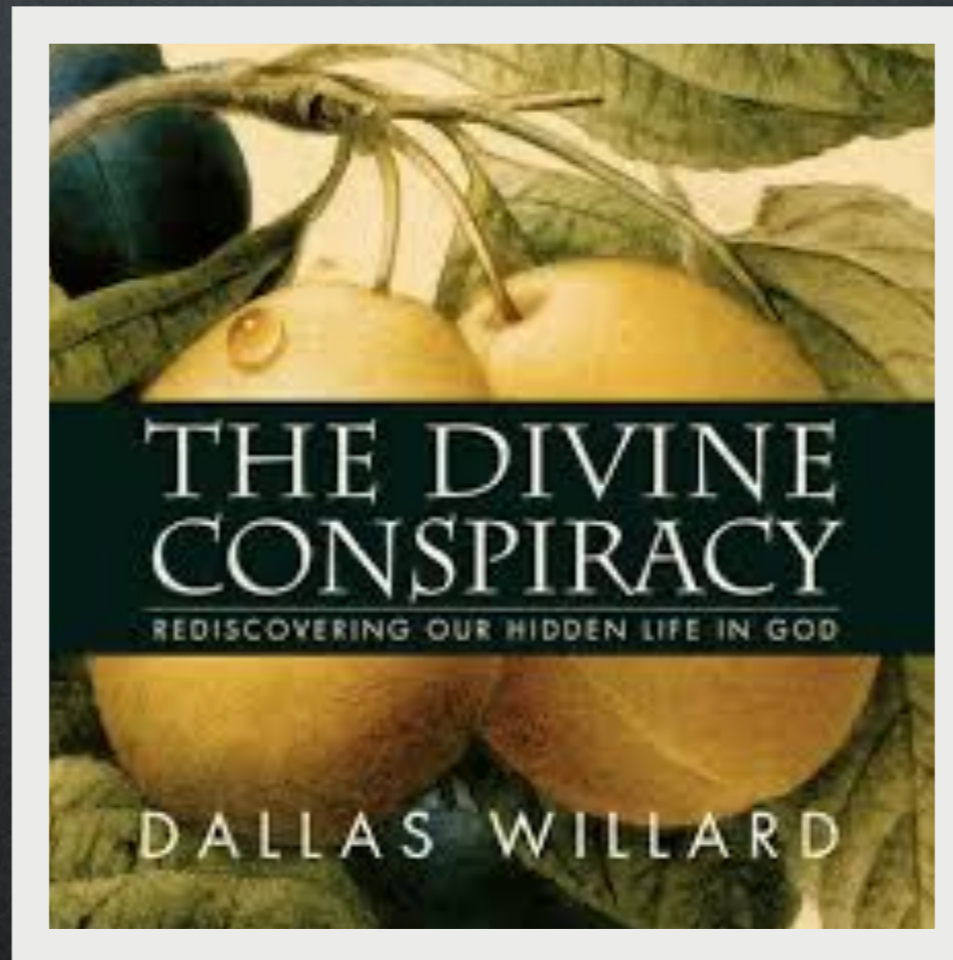




# **THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY**

Chapter 8 - “On Being a Disciple or a Student of Jesus”

*Session 23 - “Who is Our Teacher?”*





## **THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY**

### **REVIEW Session 22 - “The Grandest Prayer of All ”**

We live in a Trinitarian universe, one where infinite energy of a personal nature is the ultimate reality. When we pray, we enter the real world, the substance of the Kingdom, and our bodies and souls begin to function for the first time as they were created to function.

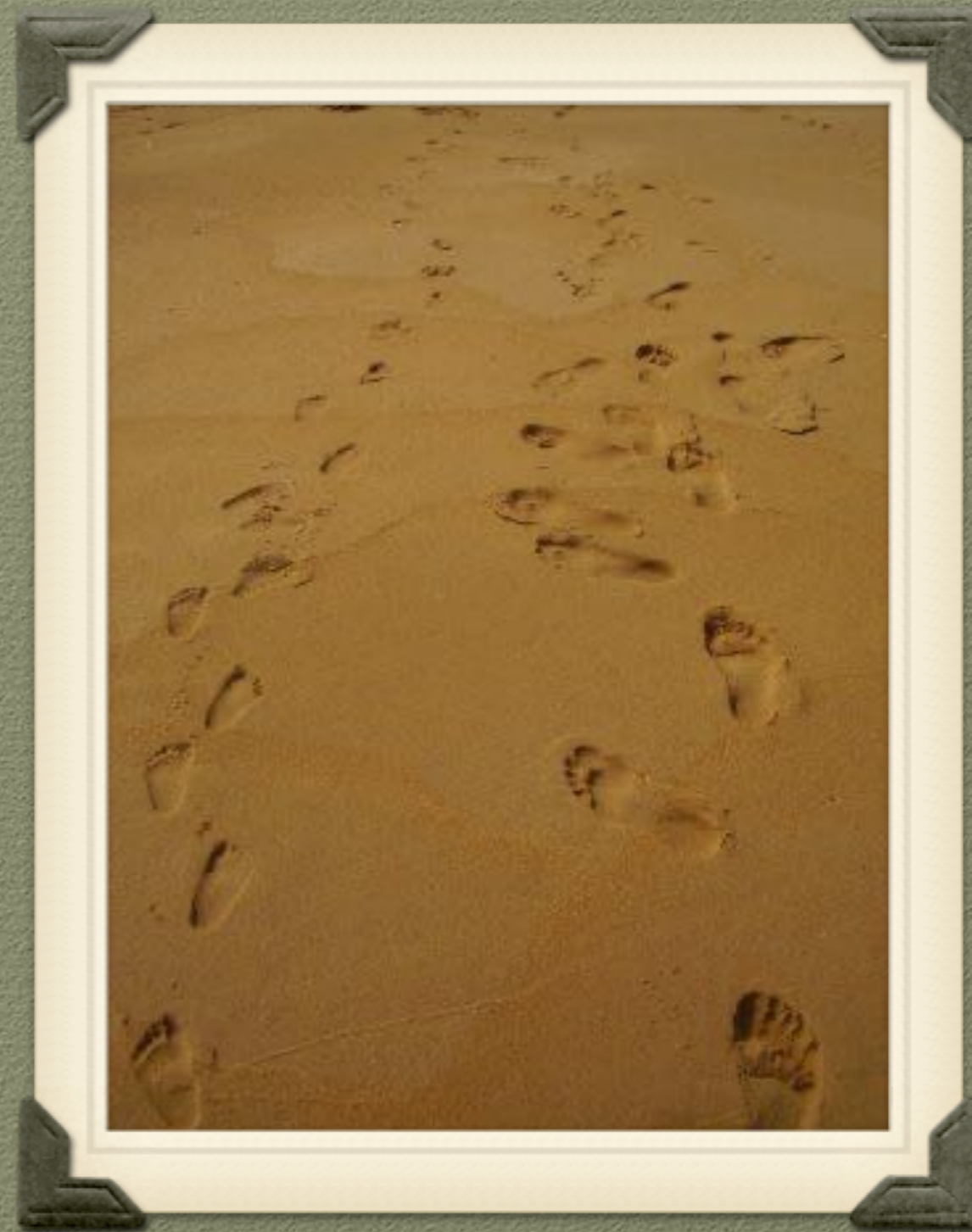
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## “Follow me.”

You are somebody's disciple. You learn how to live from somebody else. Probably you are a disciple of several somebodies. Recognize who has taught us, mastered us, and then, evaluate the results in us of their teaching.

(271-272)





## **Earthly Society of Jesus**

The assumption of Jesus' program for His people on earth was that they would live their lives as His students and co-laborers. They would find Him so admirable in every respect — wise, beautiful, powerful, and good — that they would constantly seek to be in His presence and be guided, instructed and helped by Him in every aspect of their lives.

The provisions He made for us are provisions for those who are apprentices to Him in Kingdom living. We learn how to do everything we do “in the name of the Lord Jesus.” (Col. 3:17) In His presence our inner life will be transformed, and we will become the kind of people for whom His course of actions is the natural (and supernatural) course of action.



## THE NARROW and WIDE GATES

13 “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

## TRUE and FALSE PROPHETS

15 “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.”



## TRUE and FALSE DISCIPLES

21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.  
22 Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’  
23 Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

## WISE and FOOLISH BUILDERS

24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.  
25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.  
26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.  
27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”



## **How are we to be with Him?**

To follow Him meant, in the first place, to be with Him.  
I am with Him to learn from Him how to be like Him.

That “being-with”...is an absolute necessity. (276)

“The Paraclete” - His preferred way is to speak, to communicate, thus the absolute centrality of scripture to our discipleship.

—> The extensive use of solitude and silence is so basic for the growth of the human spirit. (277)





## **Life in the Spirit as “Co-Workers in the Kingdom”**

*Engulfment in ambient power without visible position. (278)*

The reality of the Kingdom life is an inner one, a hidden one, with ‘the Father who is in secret’. (280)

“God’s children” Romans 8:4

“inner rightness” (dikaíosune) Romans 14:17-18

“glorious power” Colossians 1:10-11

“proclaiming the Kingdom of God” Acts 8:12, 28:23,31







The most exalted outcome of submersion  
in the risen Christ is the transformation  
of the inner self to be like Him. (280)



## Discipleship

Real life apprenticeship to Jesus is the passageway within 'The Kingdom Among Us' from initial faith in Jesus to a life of fulfillment and routine **obedience**.

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"Narrow Gate"  
"Will of My Father"

"Good Tree"  
"Rock House"

To be, become and make a disciple.



# Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

(Use the Q&A on the bottom of your Zoom screen)



Q&A



## **Meditation** — Matthew 7:13-27

**In the next 10,000 minutes...**

Q - “Who teaches you? Whose disciple are you? Honestly.”  
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Q - “Extensive use of solitude and silence is so basic for growth of the human spirit.” (277)

When will you spend more time in solitude & silence with Jesus...this week?

*“Surrender to Jesus what you can not control and control what little you can...which often means what you will not do.” [Webster]*

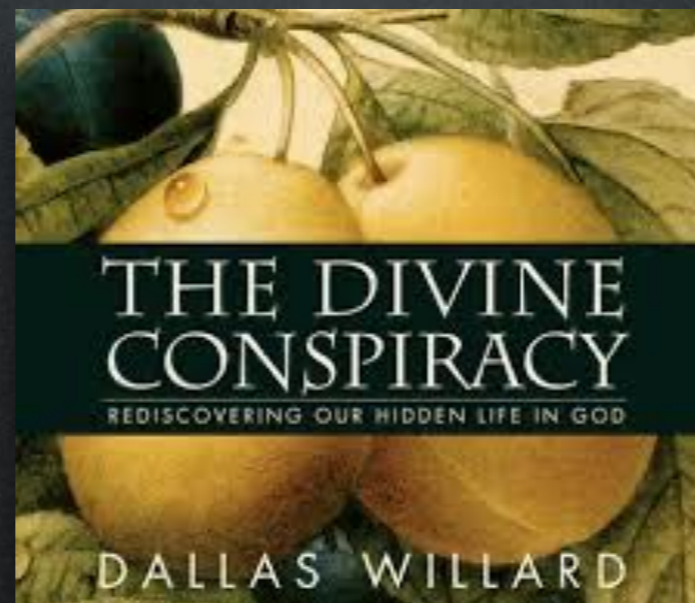
Q - How does this way of a Jesus follower impact your day to day decisions?





## **Session 23 Summary**

We grow in Christlikeness as we spend time with the Master Teacher who gives us the power and wisdom to be like Him.





## **Next Week — Session 24**

Chapter 8 - “On Being a Disciple or Student of Jesus”

### **“How to Be a Disciple”**

Hardback - pp. 281-291

Paperback - pp. 308-319

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## **“The Divine Conspiracy Lectures”**

Dallas Willard Ministries YouTube Channel

The Harvey Fellows 2004 Summer Institute

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### **Course Session 23 \* Recommended Teachings**

“Practicing the Sermon on the Mount”

[DC #10 0:06:50-0:22:00](#)

(119) pages of lecture notes in the Jesus College Library

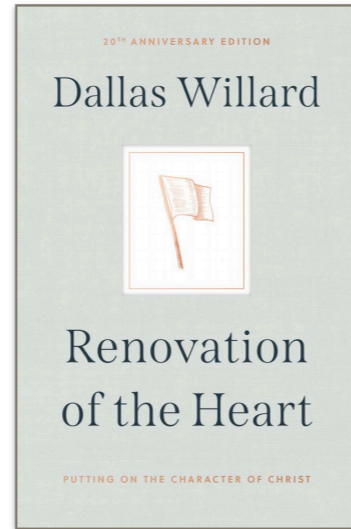
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\* See the Course reading schedule for related teachings



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