## DO YOU LOVE ME...

#### Mark 12:30-31

<sup>30</sup> And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This *is* the first commandment. <sup>31</sup> And the second, like *it*, *is* this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." disciple and empower

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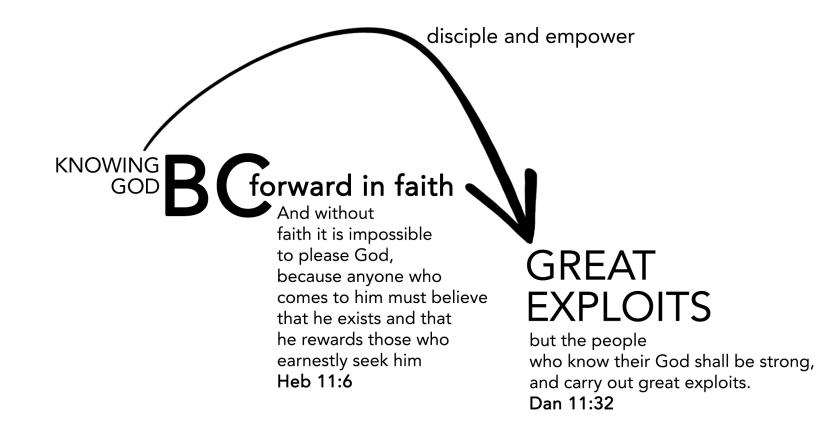
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# BC VISION

- 7000 Strong
- Strength to the Believers and an attraction to the unbelievers
- Called to be the largest Church
- A Mission Church
- A House of Prayer for All Nations
- A house of Divine Healing
- It is Normal to be Abnormal
- An End-Time Great Commission 'Ark' Church with Mighty Miracles, Signs and Wonders
- Producing a Mind Boggling Harvest

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## **FRIENDSHIP PYRAMID**

## **Close Friends**

- Share similar values, ideals & world views
- Mutual Interests/Life goals and work together to achieve goals.
- Connected in Mind, Body, and Spirit.
- Most people never get this far.

#### Acquaintance •

- Occasional contact with very general knowledge.
- Talk about very general stuff, don't go deep.

## Intimate Friends

- Committed to the development of each other's characters.
- Mutual Responsibility of Honesty.
- Connected soul to soul
- Plus everything a Close friend is

## Casual Friends

- Common interests and activities
- Meet more frequently than acquaintances
- Not serious emotionally.

#### Strangers

- Lowest level
- Have no idea of each other's existence.

## John 15:15

<sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

#### John 15:12-17

<sup>12</sup> This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.
<sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. <sup>17</sup> These things I command you, that you love one another.

# The Characteristics of a Friend in Jesus Definition:

- A friend lays down his life
- A friend does what Jesus commands
- A friend is involved with the Master's plans and business.
- Love One Another

## THE JOURNEY OF KNOWING GOD

## STRANGER TO ACQUAINTANCE: Peter's First Encounter with Jesus

## Matthew 4:18-19

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." <sup>20</sup> They immediately left *their* nets and followed Him.

#### John 1: 40-42

<sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John *speak*, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the <sup>[]</sup>Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus.

Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas" (which is translated, A Stone).

## CONVICTION & REPENTANCE

Peter convicted and repents + receiving His call as a Disciple.

#### Luke 5:5-11

But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." <sup>6</sup> And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled to *their* partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

<sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; <sup>10</sup> and so also *were* James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." <sup>11</sup> So when they had brought their boats to land, they <sup>[a]</sup>forsook all and followed Him.

DISCOVER/LEARN ABOUT JESUS. Personal Faith and Experience with the Lord

## Matthew 14:26-33

<sup>26</sup> And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.

<sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."
<sup>28</sup> And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

<sup>29</sup> So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw that the wind *was* boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

<sup>31</sup> And immediately Jesus stretched out *His* hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

<sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

## DISCOVER/LEARN ABOUT JESUS.

Peter constantly is learning and questioning and being very observant to what Jesus was doing.

• Matt 15:15

<sup>15</sup> Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Explain this parable to us."

- Taxes (Matt 17:24-27),
- Forgiveness (Matthew 18:21),
- Fig Tree Withered (Mark 11:20-21)

## DISCOVER/LEARN ABOUT JESUS.

Peter Receives Revelation of Who Jesus is... Revelation from the Father – FRIEND A Glimpse of His Kingdom Purpose and mandate.

#### Matthew 16:13-19

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

<sup>14</sup> So they said, "Some *say* John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

<sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

<sup>17</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

<sup>18</sup> And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

<sup>19</sup> And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."



#### John 6:68

<sup>68</sup> But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

#### Matt 26:33-35

<sup>33</sup> Peter answered and said to Him, "Even if all are <sup>[g]</sup>made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble."

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."

<sup>35</sup> Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!"

## STRUGGLE: SPIRIT IS WILLING, FLESH IS WEAK

#### What's in it for me? : Matt 19:27

<sup>27</sup> Then Peter answered and said to Him, "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?"

#### Lack of Discipline : Matthew 26:40-41

<sup>40</sup> Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? <sup>41</sup> Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh is weak."

**Fear of Consequence : Matthew 26:69-75** Immediately a rooster crowed. 75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly.



#### John 18:10

<sup>10</sup> Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

## ABILITY TO KNOW GOD, DISCERN AND UNDERSTAND THE MOVE & WORK OF GOD

#### Peter Constantly recognises God, and trusting God is still at work.

#### Luke 24:8-12

<sup>8</sup> And they remembered His words. <sup>9</sup> Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary *the mother* of James, and the other *women* with them, who told these things to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; and stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying by themselves; and he departed, marveling to himself at what had happened.

#### John 21:7

<sup>7</sup> Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on *his* outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. <sup>9</sup> Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught."

## MY AGENDA TO GOD'S AGENDA KINGDOM FOCUSED.

### John 21: 15 - 19

<sup>15</sup> So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs."

<sup>16</sup> He said to him again a second time, "Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You."

He said to him, "Tend My sheep."

<sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon, *son* of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You."

## MY AGENDA TO GOD'S AGENDA KINGDOM FOCUSED.

## John 21: 15-19

Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep. <sup>18</sup> Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry *you* where you do not wish."

<sup>19</sup> This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."

## truly loving Jesus is one of willingness to align with what's upon God's heart and fulfilling the mission, the call, the assignment that God has given us.

## KNOWING/ ALIGNMENT

## EMPOWERMENT/ ANOINTING

## GREAT EXPLOITS

## Joshua 14:10-12

So here I am today, eighty-five years old!<sup>11</sup> I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then.<sup>12</sup> Now give me this MOUNTAIN that the Lord promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the Lord helping me, I will drive them out just as he said."