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HOW A DTS STAFF PERSON CHANGED THE ENTIRE WORLD TRAINING LIKE JESUS!

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Imagine being approached by a ministry leader and being told you were being given the opportunity to rent the Rose Bowl for crusades in Pasadena, every night for the next 16 years. While you are staring at him wondering if perhaps he was “fit for duty”, he handed you a check for the 16 year rental fees. You were left staring at a check for 2.5 billion dollars made out to the Rose Bowl! You fell to your knees cradling the check in your hands when you're told that the Rose Bowl would be filled every night for 16 years with 100,000 people every night coming to hear the preaching of the Gospel. You did some quick math in your head and factored that perhaps 4% of the people you preached to would be saved each night. That would mean you would have 23,360,000 converts in just 16 years. If your preaching was extra hot you could net as much as 10% of the people becoming converts. That would mean 58,400,000 converts!

You could not believe the good news and the first person you wanted to run and tell was Joe and Jill YWAM your DTS leaders! As you ran into the staff meeting you explained everything that happened and you started jumping up and down! But much to your surprise the wise yet young leaders hardly expressed any excitement. You began to think to yourself, “this is totally wrong! I am leaving staff and going out to have some serious fruit!”

16 years passed and you just finished your last Rose Bowl night. You had successfully seen 58,400,000 converts! All that soul winning had worn you out and you decided to celebrate at every true soul winners favorite end of the night reward, “Dennys!” As you sat down to order your usual Grand Slam you saw Joe and Jill YWAM sitting with just one guy at their booth. They were going

over the exact same discipleship material you had gone through 16 years ago. You worked hard to appear humble as you joined their table knowing that this leader had missed the biggest opportunity in his life 16 years earlier. You finally worked up the boldness to ask them what you had been wanting to ask him so many years ago. “Why did you not get excited when I told you about 100,000 people filling the Rose Bowl every night for 16 years straight”!

Joe and Jill were a bit embarrassed and tried to change the subject. Finally, after persisting, they began to draw on a napkin how many disciples you have in 16 years if you just met with one new person every 6 months. They showed you how if you train that one person to go and find a person to train and each person continued this pattern that you would have 4,000,000,000 followers of Jesus! While you were in the stadium every night Joe and Jill had successfully led 2/3rd's of the world to Christ by pouring their life into one new person every 6 months! Following Jesus plan of multiplication demonstrated in the Gospels had allowed Joe and Jill to affect every nation on the earth through their Discipleship Training School!

These 4,000,000,000 Christ followers have all had a solid 6 months of Bible training, understanding the basics of how to walk out their faith. Multiplication starts out small but in the end always brings about profound results. Are you interested in finding out more about Jesus' methods for multiplication as found in the Gospels? Are you interested in doing a quick review of how the program of Jesus through touching 12 ordinary men reached the world?

Before we go any further it is important to know as you read this that you are indeed sitting on a gold mine! DTS even has the word “discipleship” in it! Could it be that by intentionally seeking the least and the lost and discipling them so that they can go and make disciples, is the door of opportunity before you? Yes, the proverbial statement that the grass is greener elsewhere is true but actually it is only true of golf courses! Discipleship is hard work and if you don't realize that you are following in the Master's blueprint of reproduction you can try to find easier work elsewhere. What would happen if every current YWAM person (estimated at 20,000) met with 1 new person every 6 months for the next 16 years asking those they meet with to go and do the same. *How many would be touched?*

YWAM alone would reach 42,949,672,960,000. Rounding up that is 43 trillion people. That means we could end the Great Commission (estimating earths population at 6 billion) 7,158 times in the next 16 years.

I remember having finished up a long 15 year season of discipleship with my wife Christy. We were so exhausted that we decided to go into "discipleship retirement" and become "spiritual grandparents." We would visit our kids and hold their grandkids but much to our tired delight we would always be able to hand them back and drive away in a really big car with all kinds of comfortable features inside! As we went to bed officially tired and retired! Jesus scheduled one of his meetings with us at the normal time of 3:30am. As He woke us up both literally and spiritually we got the message and jumped out of bed proclaiming! "We will disciple up to the last second of our lives! We will never be without a group of young people we are investing in at all times!" God's repentance meeting was awesome and we rejoiced over the kindness of the Lord. His command, "Be fruitful and multiply" meant more to us then it had ever before.

We began to dream about multiplying worship bands. If every worship band built two more bands each year with Gods DNA in them the number of bands would explode across the earth! We thoughts of every sphere of society and the ending of the Great Commission and up went the sales sign on our comforts because the adventure had once again come awake in our hearts!

Dear one, you have been told you can change the world! Precious Saint, have you not been told the same thing as we heard that night? We are calling you out of retirement and back to DTS! It is time for you to be awakened as you see the early rain drops of the new breed arriving at every base all over the world. They are arriving and I wish dear friend, to remind you that you were meant to run with the youth. You were never meant to be set in any ways but God gifted you from the start as a permanent child with that big smile that says, "there is no where I would rather be than sitting here with you right now." God made you an agent of finishing the Great Commission and perhaps things have become complicated and you have lost your bearings. Christy and I lost our bearings and it was in the middle of the night where Jesus came and calmed the seas and sat with us reminding us of how He did it when He walked the earth. He told us we were meant to dance and still jump. We would be both parents, grandparents and great grand parents all at once. There were some

things we had to unwind to get back to simplicity but it was worth it all! 200,000 young missionaries are currently lost across the world but you and I have been called to go and find them and train them. We can do it without ever renting a stadium Jesus has given us the plan.

That night God began to review His blueprint with us and it renewed our hearts and catalyzed both of us to return to the youth with all of our hearts!

