



Shofar Christian Church

Discipleship

Disciplines of Discipleship

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Disciple Defined



The word is intimidating, because it is concrete. It means a learner, pupil, apprentice, adherent, or follower. A disciple learns and grows by obeying and imitating his or her master.

Discipline isn't as simple as going to church services, observing rituals or behaving morally. Being a disciple is active...it requires effort.

Andy Stanley

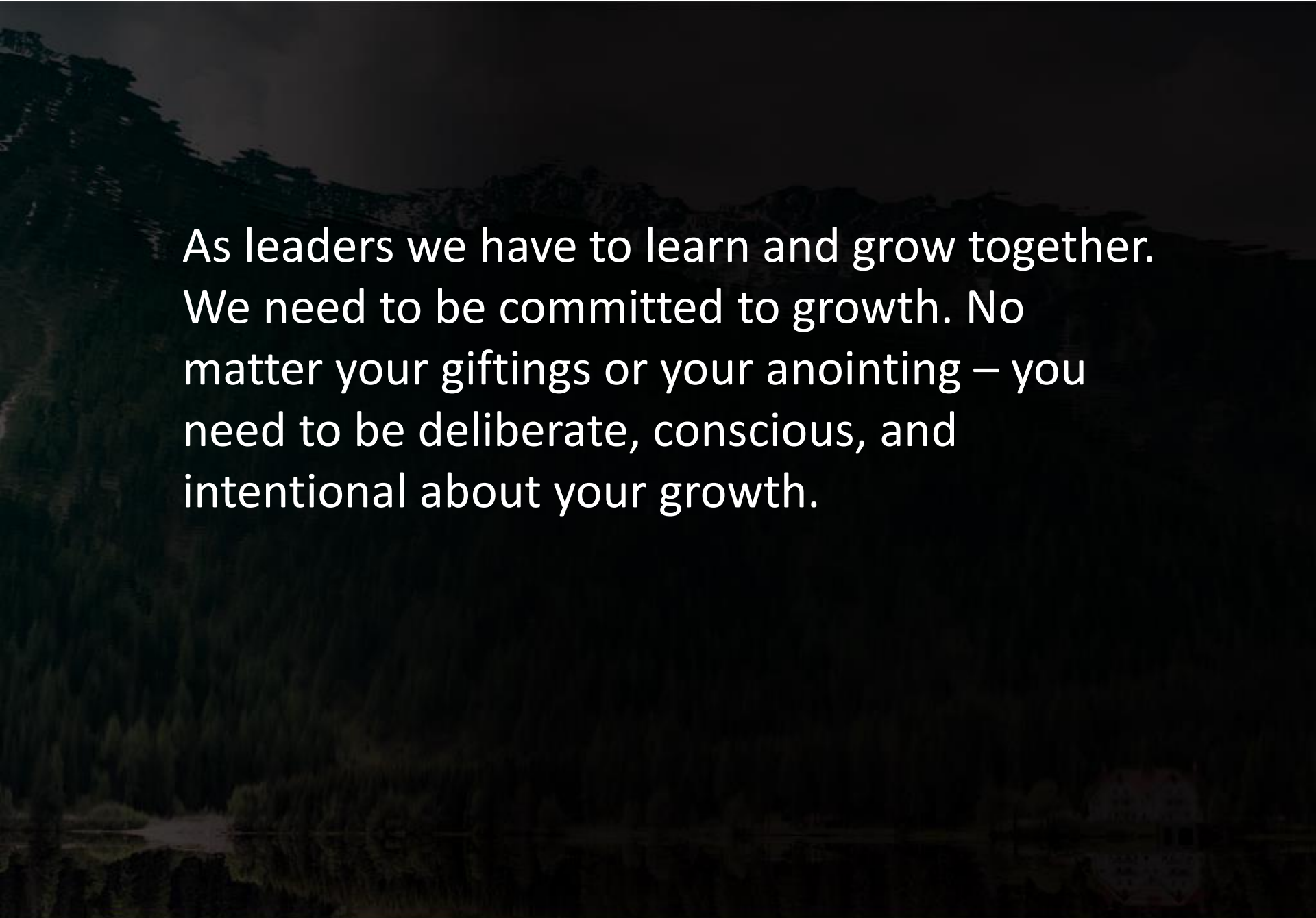
Tour guide:

The tour guide is going to where you want to go. They have either been where they are asking us to go, or they are taking us to where we are going.

Travel agent:

They have never been where you are going.

Dr. John Andrews



As leaders we have to learn and grow together.
We need to be committed to growth. No
matter your giftings or your anointing – you
need to be deliberate, conscious, and
intentional about your growth.

NON-SEGREGATION

“We need to intersect our work, home, community and sexuality with God as well. We must intermix the realms. Whatever God touches becomes sacred. Spirituality that isn’t 24/7 is just hollow religion.


- Never learned that Jesus is the highest and only priority in our lives and in such a manner that it influences every decision we make.
- Striving to live holy is not part of the normal Christian's life anymore.
- Struggling Christians = Disobedience

Pieter and Helen Theron



Jesus on discipleship





You are my friends **if you keep on doing** what I
command you.

John 15:14



“All authority (all power of absolute rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations[help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words], baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ **teaching them** to observe everything that I have commanded you;

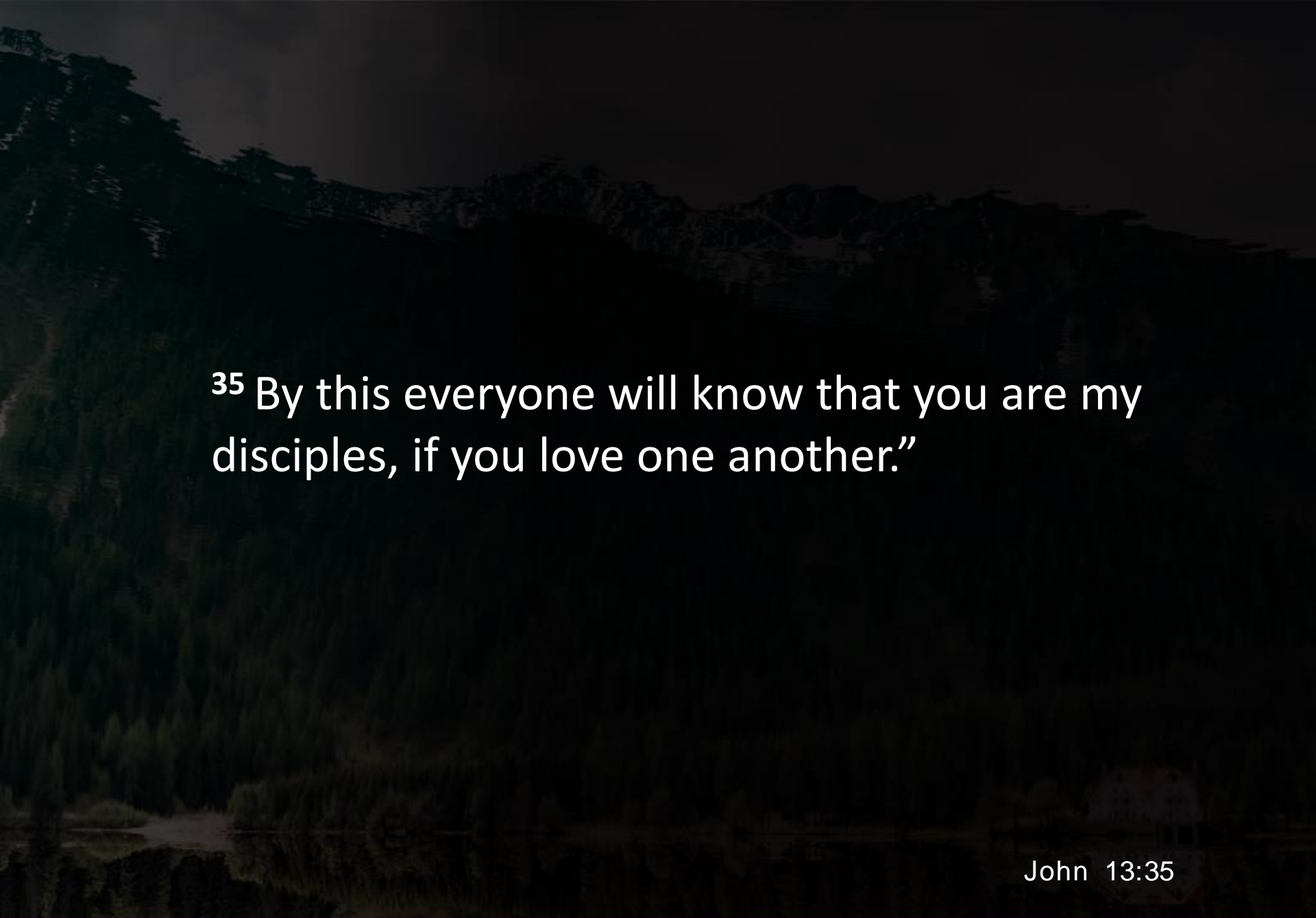
Matthew 28:18 -20



²⁸ “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavily burdened [by religious rituals that provide no peace], and I will give you rest [refreshing your souls with salvation]. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you **and learn from Me** [following Me as My disciple], for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST (renewal, blessed quiet) FOR YOUR SOULS. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy [to bear] and My burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28 -30





³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13:35



The Inward Discipline

- of Meditation
- of Prayer
- of Fasting
- of Study

The Outward Discipline

- of Simplicity
- of Solitude
- of Submission
- of Service

Corporate Discipline

- of confession
- of Worship
- of Guidance
- of Celebration



Pitfalls



2 For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those [believers] at ^[a]Laodicea, and for all who [like yourselves] have never seen me face to face. ² [For my hope is] that their hearts may be encouraged as they are knit together in [unselfish] ^[b]love, so that they may have all the riches that come from the full assurance of understanding [the joy of salvation], resulting in a true [and more intimate] knowledge of the ^[c]mystery of God, *that is,*

Colossians 2:1-6



Christ

Colossians 2:1-6



³ in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge [regarding the word and purposes of God]. ⁴ I say this so that no one will deceive you with persuasive [but thoroughly deceptive] arguments.

Colossians 2:1-6



⁵ For even though I am absent [from you] in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit, [\[d\]](#)delighted to see your good discipline [as you stand shoulder to shoulder and form a solid front] and to see the stability of your faith in Christ [your steadfast reliance on Him and your unwavering confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness].

Colossians 2:1-6



⁶ Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in [union with] Him [reflecting His character in the things you do and say—living lives that lead others away from sin], ⁷ having been deeply rooted [in Him] and *now* being *continually* built up in Him and [becoming increasingly more] established [[e](#)]in your faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing in it with gratitude.

Colossians 2:1-6

