

# THE NEWSLETTER

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## THE CHANGED HEART

Back in the mists of history, twin sons were born to a shepherd. Both of the children grew into strong men physically. However, in spiritual matters, they were both very weak. Esau, the older, was the favorite of his father, Isaac. Jacob was the favorite of his mother, Rebekah. By the right of birth, Esau should have had the greater inheritance and blessing from his father. Jacob knew this, but he allowed his mother to manipulate him so he could become the heir. Jacob bargained with Esau and gained his inheritance. He deceived his aged father to gain his last blessing. The name Jacob means "supplanter," or "schemer." Esau wailed that his twin brother was rightly named Jacob. "Didn't he supplant me these two times?" Esau asked. If we knew nothing else about Jacob, we would have to say that he was a weak, sinful young man.

However, today we know Jacob as a patriarch of the Hebrew people. His name is always linked with those of Abraham and Isaac. His twelve sons gave their names to the tribes of Israel. From the tribe of Judah came Jesus Christ. Jacob is now known as a man of faith. His weakness became strength; his hatred became affection; his indifference became worship. Jacob, the supplanter and schemer, became Jacob the patriarch.

What changed the man of guile to a man of faith? The change came when he saw the Lord at Bethel. Jacob was on his way to his mother's old home to find a wife. At Bethel he saw the vision of the angels ascending and descending on a ladder reaching to heaven. God stood above the ladder, and He promised Jacob that his family would bless the entire earth. When Jacob awoke he was afraid. Yet he was well aware of the fact that God had spoken to him as He had to Abraham and Isaac. "Surely the LORD is in this place," he said.

Jacob had not known much about God before Bethel, but now he saw Him; he heard His promise; he caught a glimpse of God's power. He could never again be the same man. Jacob's heart was changed. He determined to give God a tenth of his future possessions, and throughout his life he served God. This does not mean that Jacob never sinned after the vision at Bethel. He made many mistakes. He was often lacking in faith. Yet Jacob improved enormously, and God blessed him.

Conversion today is much like Jacob's experiences. What is it that changes the sinner? Like Jacob, the individual sees God. He is converted. The heart is changed. The spirit is transformed because the Holy Spirit comes to dwell with it. God is the one

who moves man to change the heart.

If your heart has not been changed, look for the Lord, for He can be found. He is heard through His Word and His people. See God in His power and love, and you will see yourself as sinful in His sight. Repent and turn to Christ, and He will see you as righteous.

If you belong to Christ, rejoice that you have had this change of heart. Cultivate this new way of life. Do not allow yourself to return to former evil ways. Instead, replace old habits with new ones. Replace the old life with a transformed life. Grow steadily in Christ day by day. Perfection cannot be reached in one easy move. The spiritual life is a race full of hurdles and obstacles. Perfection comes in heaven. Conversion is only the beginning. The heart must be kept pure by steady spiritual growth.

## READ YOUR BIBLE

Continuing to provide suggested passages to help you toward achieving the discipline of studying God's Word, please use the following as your guide for the month of February. We will never understand how to walk the Jesus way unless we immerse ourselves in the guidebook He has provided -- the Bible.

February

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| 1. Romans 8:1-17          | 15. 2 Timothy 3:10-4:8  |
| 2. Psalm 8:1-9            | 16. Deuteronomy 8:11-20 |
| 3. Isaiah 41:1-13         | 17. Deuteronomy 31:1-8  |
| 4. John 10:1-10           | 18. Psalm 25:1-14       |
| 5. 1 Corinthians 1:18-31  | 19. Psalm 28:1-9        |
| 6. Ephesians 1:1-14       | 20. 1 Peter 5:1-11      |
| 7. 1 Peter 2:1-10         | 21. 1 John 2:1-17       |
| 8. 1 John 3:1-10          | 22. James 4:13-17       |
| 9. Luke 4:14-21           | 23. Exodus 20:1-17      |
| 10. Mark 9:30-37          | 24. Deuteronomy 6:1-9   |
| 11. Mark 10:35-45         | 25. Proverbs 16:1-11    |
| 12. 1 Corinthians 9:19-27 | 26. Isaiah 58:1-12      |
| 13. 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 | 27. Amos 5:14-24        |
| 14. Philippians 2:1-16    | 28. Micah 6:1-8         |
|                           | 29. Psalm 23            |

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16).

## THE MANAGER OF ALL TIMES

He is the First and Last, the Beginning and the End!  
He is the keeper of Creation and the Creator of all!

He is the Architect of the universe and the Manager of all times.  
He always was, He always is, and He always will be...  
Unmoved, Unchanged, Undefeated, and never Undone!

**He was bruised and brought healing!**

**He was pierced and eased pain!**

**He was persecuted and brought freedom!**

**He was dead and brought life!**

**He is risen and brings power!**

**He reigns and brings Peace!**

The world can't understand Him, the armies can't defeat Him,  
the schools can't explain Him, and the leaders can't  
ignore Him.

Herod couldn't kill Him, the Pharisees couldn't confuse Him, and  
the people couldn't hold Him!

Nero couldn't crush Him, Hitler couldn't silence Him, the New  
Age can't replace Him, and Donahue can't explain Him  
away!

**He is light, love, longevity, and Lord.**

**He is Goodness, Kindness, Gentleness, and God.**

**He is Holy, Righteous, Mighty, Powerful and Pure.**

**His ways are right, His word is eternal, His will is  
unchanging, and His mind is on me.**

**He is my Redeemer, He is my Savior, He is my guide, and He  
is my peace!**

**He is my Joy, He is my comfort, He is my Lord, and He rules  
my life!**

I serve Him because His bond is love, His burden is Light, and  
His goal for me is abundant life.

I follow Him because He is the wisdom of the wise, the power of  
the powerful, the ancient of days, the ruler of rulers, the  
leader of leaders, the overseer of the overcomers, and  
the sovereign Lord of all that was and is and is to come.

And if that seems impressive to you, try this for size.

**His goal is a relationship with me!**

He will never leave me, never forsake me, never mislead me,  
never forget me, never overlook me, and ever cancel  
my appointment in His appointment book!

**When I fall, He lifts me up!**

**When I fail, He forgives!**

**When I am weak, He is strong!**

**When I am lost, He is the way!**

**When I am afraid, He is my courage!**

**When I stumble, He steadies me!**

**When I am hurt, He heals me!**

**When I am broken, He mends me!**

**When I am blind, He leads me!**

**When I am hungry, He feeds me!**

**When I face trials, He is with me!**

**When I face persecution, He shields me!**

**When I face problems, He comforts me!**

**When I face loss, He provides for me!**

**When I face Death, He carries me Home!**

He is everything for everybody, everywhere, every time and  
every way.

**He is God, He is faithful.**

**I am His and He is mine!**

My father in heaven can whip the father of this world.

So, if you're wondering why I feel so secure, understand this...  
He said it and that settles it.

God is in control, I am on His side, and that means all is well with  
my soul.

Everyday is a blessing because **GOD IS!**

## TURNING THE CORNER

Psalm 59:10 - "My God in His loving kindness shall meet me at every corner."

We have slid casually into another New Year - 2008. As we face its opportunities and anxieties, it seems wise for us to stop, look and listen for the purpose of God as He seeks to make His will known to us. As the New Year moves along, let us resolve to know God intimately, and to present ourselves to do His will more completely.

The excitement of Christmas has given us a brief easing of regular cares and duties. For a day or two, at least, we drew up our chairs and enjoyed the fellowship of family reunions and shared in the joy and laughter with one another.

It is good that Christmas comes near the New Year. For we find strength of heart, warmth of spirit, new courage and love at the manger which enables us to turn from it to the unknown year ahead with confidence and assurance, knowing that He who came down at Christmas to dwell forever among us, has already crossed the threshold of the New Year with us. For, "He is closer to us than breathing and nearer than hands and feet."

Christmas 2007 has become a memory, and we must now take up the tasks of 2008. The tremendous hustle and bustle is over. The cards have been sent and received, the turkey and all the fixing has long ago been turned into leftovers, the tree has lost its needles and has been discarded to be turned into mulch, our living rooms are back to normal.

A certain man visiting friends found an open Bible on the night table, and Psalm 59:10 was underlined, My God in His loving kindness shall meet me at every corner. How often we wish that we could see around the corners of life. We cannot, but GOD CAN. So, as we walk through this New Year may it be a **TIME TO REMEMBER**. "Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you" (Deuteronomy 8:2). We will remember that His mercies have been new every morning, and that His compassion has never failed. Those about us may fail, but He never will. We will remember our personal blessings, and His providential care that has guided and guarded our way. This is the time to "Count your blessings and name them one by one." Memory is the bridge of thought and life spanning the yesterdays, joining the todays, in the spirit of oneness and continuity. However, life is too joyous and precious to carry over into today and tomorrow excess baggage that we just do not need. We need to weed out of our memory old griefs, hurts, or memory of life's defeats that cripple us from experiencing the blessing of God in the present and future.

Peter tells us to remember that we are children of a loving heavenly Father. We are adopted sons and daughters into a family the Head of which is perfectly holy, and we are to imitate Him and seek to be like Him. This good news is meant to be translated into good acts. Peter says that the acid test is fervent love of the brethren. Are you kind and compassionate? Do people looking at you see the light of the Lord resting upon you? Or do they see bitterness, hatred, and vengeance? The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace,... A critical spirit does not come from the Lord but from his enemy. Look carefully at yourself in this new year that you may be an upbuilding influence in God's family and not a destructive, divisive element.

Now is a **TIME TO REJOICE**. Philippians reminds us to "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice." And Jesus declared, "These things have I spoken unto you that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be made full."

On the kneeling mat of a certain church are inscribed the words: "Think - and Thank." Remembrance should inspire rejoicing, and send us forth with overflowing hearts to offer praise. A life full of JOY is almost as good an indicator of spiritual health as bodily temperature is of physical health. You don't fight the fever, you treat the illness. Joy or lack of joy is merely an indicator of our success or failure in knowing and doing the will of God. JOY is the attitude of those who know and do the will of God. Lack of joy is the attitude of those resisting the will of God. Do you impart the attitude of JOY or lack of joy? Christlikeness is our goal; unexplainable JOY is its by product. A spirit of rejoicing will help us to develop the habit of readiness for any eventuality. It comes as a complete shock to many people that Christianity is supposed to be full of joy. We see Stephen, the first Christian martyr, praying for those who were putting him to death. The most amazing thing about the joy expressed in the New Testament is that it is not dependent upon our escape from trouble. In fact, it is quite the opposite as the Apostle Paul's life and ministry illustrates.

Now is a **TIME TO CAST ANXIETY ASIDE**. Jesus said, "I am with you always, even to the close of the age." Jesus is the basic need of our lives and the basic need of our world. Anxiety is a thief that robs many Christians of the fullness of life that Christ intends we should have. The past is past. Worry is useless and even actually injurious. We learn from the past as it spurs and guides us into better action in the future, but worry over past circumstances often cripples us and most definitely belies our witness for the Lord.

Now is a **TIME TO TRUST THE SUFFICIENCY OF GOD**. This new volume which is 2008 holds thrilling possibilities. By the Spirit's aid we can be the men and women and young people and children God intended us to be. But to do this we must put teeth into our resolves and insist on being definite. There are few things the devil loves more in Christians than wooly-mindedness, good intentions about everything in general and nothing in particular.

Just how does God lift the burdens that will haunt us in this New Year? Certainly not by taking them from us. God does not pamper His children. He does not appeal to our softness, but to our strength. God does not lighten the load we are bearing; He strengthens us by His Spirit so that we can straighten up under the loads we carry.

With assured confidence we lift our hearts and face the future leaning on His undergirding arms. We may not know what the future holds, but when we know the One who holds the future in "His hands," we can echo the words of the missionary who said, "I had never been able to do anything but for this - HE ALWAYS WENT BEFORE ME.

### BLOOD DRIVE

Start ironing up NOW!

**CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP  
WILL HOLD A BLOOD DRIVE  
ON Thursday, March 13, 2008**

**TIME: 2-7:30 pm**

**PLACE: 101 KYLIES ROAD**

BE READY TO SAY "YES" to BARB FINLEY when she asks you to make an appointment. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO REACH OUR GOAL!!!! We expect to have the double unit available this drive for blood types A-, B- and O+ &-. Need an early appointment? Ask Barb for a 1:30 time slot.

### SUPER BOWL PARTY

(sponsored by the Youth Team)

**FEBRUARY 3 2008**

**6pm until ?**



THIS PARTY IS FOR EVERYONE at Cornerstone.

Admission is FREE, but we are asking for food donations. Please sign the sign up sheet to let us know what you will bring. And don't forget to come out for a GREAT time on Sunday, February 3, at 6pm. Come,

and watch the game on the BIG Screen.

There will be NO KIDZONE on Super Bowl Sunday. Bring the kids & watch the game!

### LENT BEGINS

**LENT begins on Wednesday, February 6**

Lent is the 40 days of preparation for EASTER. It begins with Ash Wednesday. On that day, in many religious traditions, people will go to church and have ashes placed on their foreheads; hence the name "Ash Wednesday." This is to remind them that they are sinners and need the forgiveness of God. In many traditions people will "give up" something for Lent. However, what God requires is our obedience. We do not bribe God to overlook our failure to surrender to Jesus Christ by giving up something for Lent. Lent comes from the Old English word, lengthen, which refers to the coming of springtime. The shortened form of the word - LENT - has come to stand for the days preceding Easter that should be used for growth in faith. In this day when many stop growing spiritually, shortly after they stop growing physically, may we at *Cornerstone* use these 40 days to grow deeper in the things of the Lord.

**Lent comes as a time to burn away all which wants to overgrow the fruit of our faith.** Lent encourages a new growth in the Spirit. It is a time to get back to basics, to burn away that which would choke off our spiritual development and the practical evidence of our faith.

**Lent is a time to remember.** Deuteronomy 8:2 says, *Remember all the ways in which the Lord our God has led us.* Remember His mercies have been new every morning and His compassion has never failed. We will remember our blessings and His providential care. It is a time to "count our blessings, naming them one by one."

Memory is a bridge of thought and life spanning our yesterdays to our todays in a spirit of oneness and continuity. Much of our spiritual life is remembering. Memory deepens our reverence and joy in our priceless heritage. But it is also selective. We must also know how to forget. How sad it is when the secret gift of memory is filled with old gripes, hurts and past defeats. Life is too precious to carry over into tomorrow excess baggage that we just do not need. **Lent is a time for us to allow the Holy**

**Spirit to burn away the 'weeds' of hate and anger, etc., and to fill us with His love.**

Remembering what God has done, is doing, and will yet do, assures us of His fellowship and forgiveness, which will shatter our complaining and smugness. We are assured of His mercies as we sing: "There's a wideness in God's mercy." It is amazing how many of the terrible troubles which loom so large never materialize, for God is within us miraculously eliminating many of the obstacles in our way. The years testify as to how we were uplifted by His everlasting arms.

**Lent is also a time of rejoicing.** Philippians 4:4 tells us to *Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.* It comes as a surprise to many people that Christianity is full of joy. And what's more, it is the kind of joy which strengthens us in the time of adversity. Why has there grown up in the thinking of many that paganism is a kind of spontaneous happening, while Christianity is dour and grim. The amazing thing about the joy of the New Testament is that it was not dependent upon escape from trouble. Quite the opposite! It was joy which was found in the midst of terrible circumstances and adversity.

We look back on those people and marvel that they had so little which we believe necessary for happiness. There were so many things in their lives to spell defeat and failure. The New Testament would urge us to remember that they were surrounded by a cloud of witnesses; that they should run with their eyes *looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross* (Hebrews 12:2). The Apostle Paul tells us to *Rejoice always* as he sits in a Roman prison cell shackled. His joy was certainly not merely in escape from his heavy burdens and grievous sufferings – His joy was in the Lord.

We come now to the real and significant meaning of Lent. For **it is the time for us to rededicate ourselves to the Lord.** In the light of the completeness of Christ's self-giving, how marginal our devotion seems. We need to take time for an honest look at ourselves instead of drifting along in the old ruts of our everyday routine.

We often despair about the world, but we need to take heart, for the future belongs to God. Our part is to be faithful to Him, daily. Our span of life is brief. The hour is struck to take a step in commitment. Our real commitment will be seen in our personal lives. The real rededication or devotion will shine through. Our Christian witness will be a spontaneous expression of the reality of Christ in our lives. The real witness is not the witness of words, but deeds. **Lent is a reminder as we contemplate the cross, that "love so amazing, so divine, demands my life, my soul, my all"** (Cavert).

**Lent is a time for us to beseech the Holy Spirit to fill us so full of His love, that we will be willing through His power to follow Him every step of our way.**

**CREATION, HERE WE COME!**

WHAT'S THE NATION'S LARGEST CHRISTIAN FESTIVAL?

**CREATION!!**

We already have a group ready to go to CREATION 2008. The dates are June 25-28. Want to go? We will try to get you tickets at the lowest price if we hear from you NOW. That price is now

\$88 PER PERSON (children 6-11 - \$48 each) IF PAID BEFORE January 31. TICKETS RESERVED AFTER THAT DATE INCREASE IN PRICE.

For more information or to register, please see Pete Jensen or the church office.

Ticket prices rise after January 31 to \$92 per person (children 6-11 - \$49). So get your reservation to Peter as soon as possible, so you can get the best price on tickets. DON'T DELAY!

**YOUTH NEWS**

**DON'T FORGET!!**

The **EXTREME** (Youth Fellowship for grades 6-12) - WEDNESDAYS, 6:45-8:30 pm weekly, including EXTREME WORSHIP! Come and experience it! Bring your friends!! Youth Bible Fellowship - for Jr & Sr High - 9:30 am Sunday mornings Worship Celebrations - Sundays at 8:15 and 10:45 am

**PLEASE HELP US OUT!**

**ACME RECEIPTS**

We are still accepting receipts from Acme Markets. Please help the youth group raise funds by donating your cash register receipts. Thank you. KEEP THOSE RECEIPTS COMING! Every bit helps! Look for the container in the **coat room** for your receipts.

**EMPTY INKJET PRINTER CARTRIDGES**

Please donate your empty inkjet printer cartridges to the youth group to be recycled. A container is placed in the **coat room** to receive your donations. KEEP THOSE CARTRIDGES COMING! We appreciate every bit of help we receive.

**EVENTS for YOUTH**

January 30 - **The EXTREME**

February 3 - **SUPER BOWL PARTY**

February 6,13,20 & 27 - **The EXTREME**

February 20 - **Worship RAVE**

February 29-March 1 - **NO-FOOD LOCK IN**

March 7 - **Baltimore Blast**

March 14 - **Philadelphia Phantoms**

**CHILDREN'S NEWS**

**COOL KIDS** - Children, 4 years old up through grade 3 are invited to participate in COOL Kids on Sunday mornings at both the 8:15 and 10:45 celebration services. Following the praise time and the reading of scripture in the BIG Room, kids are dismissed to THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE # 1. COOL Kids (**Children Of Our Lord Kids**) helps kids learn to celebrate Christ in a way they enjoy and become excited about.

**KIDZONE** - is a Sunday evening fun-packed spiritual enrichment program for kids pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. In each zone, there is an age-appropriate Bible lesson and lots of games and activities just for kids

**JOIN US SUNDAY NIGHTS AT 6-7:30PM**

**SOME MORE THANKS**

**THANKS** for a great evening at the **PUNK ROCK CHRISTMAS PARTY!** It was a BLAST! Can't wait for next year!

**THANKS** to those who made **A Children's Christmas Service** a great evening for the whole family! Those puppets and that Pastor are really something. Thanks, especially to Gaye Lynn Criswell for the script. **Thanks** also to Peter and Rob for the wonderful angel drama at the late service on Christmas Eve. We are so blessed to have such talent and willingness to share here at Cornerstone.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

to  
**Bryon and Kriss Beard**  
 on the birth of their son **Bryson Daniel**  
 on December 27, 2007  
 God bless you all!

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| Egypt  | Locusts | Tabernacle |
| Elders | Manna   | Tents      |
| Flies  | Midian  | Tents      |
| Flocks | Moses   | Travail    |
|        | Trek    | Wilderness |

**KEEP READING**

“As Christians we have received a wonderful gift. Freedom. We are free. Through THE BLOOD OF JESUS we have been freed from the powers of sin and its control.”

**Response:** “Then why do Christians continue to sin?”

“We forget. We deny. If in a situation where tempted to sin we would recall the authority of the blood of Jesus and remember that His sacrifice frees us from sin, we wouldn’t sin. We are free. But we forget that ... or we deny it.”

**Response:** “Why would God allow us to forget?”

“To teach us.”

**Response:** “To teach us what?”

“There are lots of answers given on this: wise things – like to produce perseverance and maturity in us and to allow us to know how to help others. None of this quite captures it though. The truth is that God wants to teach us the same thing He has been trying to get people to know from the dawn of creation. He wants us to learn that He is God. He is wise. He has the power to do anything, even free us from sin. He wants us to know Him – ‘Then you will know that I am YHWH your God’ – Exodus 6:7. He wants us to know Him – ‘Know YHWH your God’ Psalm 100:3. Know Him! And remember!” --Peter Jensen

**TRY THIS PUZZLE ABOUT THE EXODUS**

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| Aaron       | Frogs   | Multitude  |
| Bondage     | Goshen  | Pestilence |
| Camp        | Hail    | Pharaoh    |
| Canaan      | Herds   | Plagues    |
| Cattle      | Israel  | Red Sea    |
| Chariots    | Jethro  | Sheep      |
| Deliverance | Journey | Sinai      |
| Desert      | Lice    | Sojourn    |

**THIS IS AMAZING**

Moses and the people of Israel were in the desert, but what was he going to do with them?

They had to be fed, and feeding 2 or 3 million people requires a lot of food.

According to the Quartermaster General in the Army, it is reported that Moses would have had to have 1500 tons of food each day. Do you know that to bring that much food each day, two freight trains, each at least a mile long, would be required!

They were out in the desert, so they would have to have firewood to use in cooking the food. This would take 4000 tons of wood and a few more freight trains, each a mile long, just for one day.

And just think, they were forty years in transit.

And Oh yes! They would have to have water. If they only had enough to drink and wash a few dishes, it would take 11,000,000 gallons each day and a freight train with tank cars, 1800 miles long, just to bring water!

And the another thing! They had to get across the Red Sea. If they went on a narrow path, double file, the line would be 800 miles long and would require 35 days and nights to get through. So there had to be a space in the Red Sea, 3 miles wide so that they could walk 5000 abreast to get over in one night.

But then, there is another problem... each time they camped at the end of the day, a campground two-thirds the size of the state of Rhode Island was required, or a total of 750 square miles long... think of it! This much space for camping.

Do you think Moses figured all this out before he left Egypt? I think not! You see, Moses believed in God. God took care of these things for him. Now, do you think God has any problem taking care of all your needs?

God wants to bless you, to guide you and protect you as you go along your way... His love is always with you, His promises are always true. When we give Him all our cares, You know He will see us through.

**OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD!**

So when the road you’re traveling on seems difficult at best, just remember to pray and God will do the rest.



## NINE MARKS OF A DISCIPLE

### A Disciple

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|---|---------------|
| 1. Puts <b>CHRIST</b> before Self       | Luke 14:26    |
| 2. Puts <b>CHRIST</b> before Others     | Matthew 10:37 |
| 3. Puts <b>CHRIST</b> before All Things | Luke 14:33    |

### Puts **CHRIST** FIRST!

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| 4. Loves God through OBEDIENCE to His Word | John 14:21       |
| 5. Seeks UNITY in the Church               | John 17:21       |
| 6. Loves the WORD OF GOD                   | Matthew 4:4      |
| 7. Loves PRAYER                            | Matthew 6:6      |
| 8. Has a WORLD VIEW                        | Matthew 28:19-20 |
| 9. Is Empowered by the HOLY SPIRIT         | Acts 1:8         |

### To MAKE DISCIPLES

**We must first BE DISCIPLES!!**

**LENT** is a Time to WATCH, a Time to LISTEN, a Time to PRAY, a Time to FOLLOW!

