



Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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Praising the Lord for you! Thanking the Lord for blessing you and making you a blessing to us. We are so grateful for your prayers and support!

Many years ago, as I was sensing God calling me into the ministry, I listened to an old cassette tape entitled "Born to Reproduce" by Dawson Trotman who was the founder of the Navigators Ministry in the 1930s. The Holy Spirit never let that message move away from my heart. Basically, I realized there was no reason that I should not have at least one man that I am discipling week by week for an hour. When we finish studying a book on strategic discipleship together, I encourage him to go and do likewise, that is, disciple another man.

This started a movement which has led to more than one hundred men being disciplined, some by me, some by someone I have disciplined and some by someone who has been disciplined by someone I've disciplined.

My friend, this is simply called multiplying, disciple-making, and this is what our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, did. You and I heard the gospel from someone, and let's never forget, it started with Jesus and His early, multiplying disciple-makers.



To God be the glory, great things He continues to do as we remain faithful.

If God is laying on your heart that you should be a disciple-making man or woman who loves God and His children, then please visit our website at www.abidingabove.org. There you can find Discipleship Materials under the Resources tab along with the sermon “Born To Reproduce” by Dawson Trotman under Resources/Recommended Audio.

I have recently completed a series of messages that were well received at Memphis Union Mission. The title of the series is “The Unseen War.” It is in four parts and describes what Satan and his demons are doing in the spiritual realm which affects us 24/7 in our daily lives. We can be blinded to these things, but in reality, this is a war that’s been going on to blind the minds of people since Lucifer was cast down from heaven to earth.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 – “And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”

My friend, let’s be wise as we see the increase in these things God’s Holy Word has already told us about. To hear my messages on “The Unseen War,” visit our website www.abidingabove.org located under the Sermons tab. You will be blessed!

**It Only Takes A Spark
by Kurt Kaiser (1969)**

**It only takes a spark, to get a fire going
And soon all those around, can warm up in glowing
That’s how it is with God’s love
Once you’ve experienced it
You spread His love to everyone;
You want to pass it on**

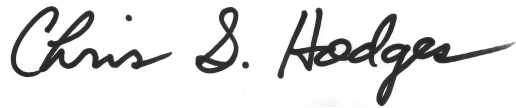
**What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming
That’s how it is with God’s love
Once you’ve experienced it
You want to sing, it’s fresh like spring
You want to pass it on**

**I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I have found
You can depend on him, it matters not where you are bound
I’ll shout it from the mountain top
I want the world to know, the Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on**

My friend, as Winston Churchill once said long ago at his shortest commencement speech ever, “*Never, never, never give up!*” Then he walked off the platform.

Let’s finish well together and to the glory of God!

Abiding above,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris S. Hodges". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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