



Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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Thank you so very much for praying for me and for giving as the indwelling Holy Spirit leads you... moment by moment and day by day. Together, God uses us to lead people to Christ here and in other parts of this world. Let's never, never, never give up doing what God has called us to do.

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

Many years ago when I was still an engineer for the Columbus & Greenville Railway, I heard Dawson Trotman, founder of The Navigators, preach a sermon called "Born to Reproduce." This sermon convicted me regarding what I needed to be doing with my life in light of The Great Commission. In spite of this conviction, I did not begin discipling men one-to-one until a number of years later. The Holy Spirit lovingly would not let this thought leave my mind, "I should always be discipling a man weekly on the basics of the Christian life."

If you would like to listen to this sermon called "Born to Reproduce" visit our website at <https://abidingabove.org/recommended-audio/>.

Finally, one day I started! I have been discipling men for more than 16 years now! I take men through a total of 24 lessons and then they begin doing the same with other men as I move on to still other men. I thank the Lord He did not let this go from my mind until I chose to abide in Him and simply begin. To God be the glory! Great things He continues to do!

My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you Galatians 4:19

I recently officiated a graveside funeral in the Arkansas Delta. As I drove across the Mississippi River into the Delta, I was reminded of my years growing up in the Mississippi Delta. If you had told me then that one day I would officiate funerals when requested I would have thought you must be thinking of someone else.

Over many years, I have found that sharing a funeral message from God's Word with a family and their friends is a perfect time to encourage those who are not believers to turn to Christ for salvation and those who are children of God to remember

Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. James 4:14

My friend, let's always be a part of leading people to Christ and discipling them until our time on earth is through.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones. Psalm 116:15

Recently, I had lunch with two men from India. They both came to America legally and have worked here and raised their families. One of these men is a Christian and the other one is not **yet**. It was a very productive discussion as my Christian friend clearly and with agape love shared the simple gospel with the other. His response to the gospel was to listen and ask many logical questions indicating a genuine curiosity about the claims of Jesus Christ. Please pray for Mannish.

The Apostle Paul said, ***".... that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. Romans 10:9-10"***

We recently celebrated Father's Day which always brings lessons my father taught me to mind. I shared these as "Lessons My Father Taught Me" on our new "Conversations With Chris" podcast. Visit our website www.abidingabove.org and click on the iHeart or Spotify icon at the bottom of our home page to hear these lessons.

God bless you, my friend, and make us a blessing to many as we abide in Him Who is our Life!

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