

Sacred Roots: Effective Discipleship (Week 5)
Unearthing Who We Are, Planting Who We Will Be
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I. Introduction

“Discipleship is the process of becoming who Jesus would be if he were you.”—Dallas Willard

In other words WWJD

The acronym "WWJD" stands for "What Would Jesus Do?" It gained significant popularity in Christian circles and became a cultural phenomenon in the 1990s as part of the "WWJD movement." While it is challenging to attribute the exact origin of the phrase to a single individual, it is believed to have been popularized by a novel titled **"In His Steps: What Would Jesus Do?"** written by Reverend Charles M. Sheldon.

"In His Steps" was published in 1896 and tells the story of a pastor who challenges his congregation to ask themselves the question "What Would Jesus Do?" before making any decision or taking any action.

SCRIPTURE- Jesus Calls (Matthew 4:12-25, Matthew 5, Matthew 7:29)

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Transition of Ministry: The arrest of John the Baptist signaled a transition in the ministry of Jesus. John had been the forerunner, preparing the way for Jesus' ministry by preaching about repentance and baptizing people in the Jordan River. With John's arrest, the focus shifted to Jesus, who would now step forward as the central figure in God's redemptive plan.

Confirmation of Messianic Fulfillment: The arrest of John also served as a fulfillment of prophecy. In Malachi 3:1, it was foretold that a messenger (John the Baptist) would prepare the way for the Lord (Jesus). When John was arrested, it confirmed that the prophetic promises concerning the arrival of the Messiah were coming to pass.

Notes

Matthew 5

Matthew 7:29

II. The Nature of Discipleship

- A. Surrender and Obedience to Jesus (Luke 9:23)
- B. Developing a personal relationship with Christ (John 15:4-5)
- C. The cost of discipleship (Luke 14:25-33)

III. Characteristics of a Disciple

- A. Love for God and others (Matthew 22:37-40)
- B. Humility and Servanthood (Matthew 20:26-28)
- C. Prayer and Fasting (Matthew 6:5-6, 16-18)
- D. Perseverance and Endurance (Luke 9:62)

Conclusion & Notes:
