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Lessons we are learning in Latin America about Jesus' Movement of Multiplication



Jesus' Movement of Multiplication moves forward as we learn to: listen to the Father, grow in wisdom, and yield to the Holy Spirit: *"Walking as Jesus Walked"* (1 John 2:6). This means developing the *"heart and attitude"* of Jesus (Philippians 2:5-8) and embracing the *"priorities"* of Jesus (John 20:21).

JESUS' MOVEMENT OF MULTIPLICATION MOVES FORWARD ON ITS KNEES AS WE LEARN TO ENTER THE PRESENCE OF GOD THE FATHER AND LISTEN TO HIM JUST LIKE JESUS DID (Luke 5:16; 11:1; 22:41-42).

Jesus moved His disciple-making movement forward on His knees in PRAYER. As we deny ourselves and humbly enter the presence of God with thanksgiving in our hearts we are transformed. It is in His presence that we discover the next step in life and ministry. We come to God in prayer not to only to present our requests before Him with thanksgiving in our hearts (Philippians 4:6-7), but mainly we enter the Father's presence to be *"transformed"*, to be transformed in our thinking and renewed in our minds (Romans 12:2). It is as we kneel before the Lord in prayer that I am transformed and my will is made obedient to His will. My will is brought into submission to His will, my thoughts are brought into alignment with His thoughts, I am given the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16), and my life is synced with His life. Jesus' Movement moves forward slowly as we move forward on our knees; it is painful at times walking on our knees, it is humbling but very exciting. **We are learning in Latin America that Jesus' Movement moves forward on its knees.**

JESUS' MOVEMENT OF MULTIPLICATION MOVES FORWARD AS WE GROW IN WISDOM AS JESUS DID (Luke 2:40-52).

In Luke 2:40-52 we read that Jesus was *"filled with wisdom"* — Luke 2:40 and *"grew in wisdom"* — Luke 2:52. Jesus practiced the age old steps of wisdom. Psalm 111:10 reads, *"the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."* Here in Luke 2 Jesus shows us **how to grow in wisdom.**

Luke 2:46: *"they found him in the temple courts"*

Learn to live in the presence of God. (Exodus 33:15)

Learn to stay when everyone else has left (Joshua — Exodus 33:11; Samuel — 1 Samuel 3:3)

Luke 2:46: *"sitting among the teachers"*

Learn to surround yourself with wise people who know God's Word

Learn to humbly sit at the feet of wise people and learn from them

Luke 2:46: *"listening to them"*

Learn to listen to God's Word spoken to you by wise people

Luke 2:46: *"asking them questions"*

Learn to ask questions of wise godly people

Luke 2:47: *"Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding"*

Learn to seek to understand what God is saying in His Word and through others

Luke 2:47: *"and his answers"*

Learn to respond after you have listened, asked good questions, and sought to understand

Learn to answer others with God's Word — *"full of grace and truth"*

Luke 2:51: *"he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient /submissive to them"*

Learn to submit yourself to the authorities God has placed in your life

Learn immediate, complete, and joyful obedience to authority

JESUS' MOVEMENT OF MULTIPLICATION MOVES FORWARD AS WE ARE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND LEARN TO YIELD TO HIM AND WALK IN LOCKSTEP WITH HIM. (Galatians 5:16, 25; Ephesians 5:18)

To walk in "lockstep" simply means: a manner of walking in file in which each person's leg moves with and behind the corresponding leg of the person ahead. "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit" — Galatians 5:25. Like a young ox (us) yoked to a mature, strong, obedient ox (Jesus), we learn to walk in lockstep with the Holy Spirit (Matthew 11:29). Not in front of the Holy Spirit, not behind Him but in step with Him as Jesus did. Consider the following:

JESUS WAS:

- Conceived by the Holy Spirit — Luke 1:35
- Blessed by the Holy Spirit — Luke 1:42
- Prophesied about through the Holy Spirit — Luke 1:67
- Revealed by the Holy Spirit — Luke 2:26
- Confirmed by the Holy Spirit — Luke 2:27
- Descended on by the Holy Spirit — Mark 1:10
- Lighted on by the Holy Spirit — Matthew 3:16
- Sent by the Holy Spirit — Mark 1:12
- Led by the Holy Spirit — Matthew 4:1
- Full of the Holy Spirit — Luke 4:1
- Empowered by the Holy Spirit — Luke 4:14
- Anointed by the Holy Spirit — Luke 4:18
- Enabled to drive out demons by the Holy Spirit — Matthew 12:28
- Given the words of life to speak from the Holy Spirit — John 6:36
- Filled with joy through the Holy Spirit — Luke 10:21
- Given the truth from the Holy Spirit — John 14:7



In Latin America we are learning the truth of Romans 8:14, "those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God"; Romans 8:6, "the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace"; 1 Corinthians 2:13 "we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words;" Galatians 5:16 "live by the Spirit;" and Philippians 3: 3 "we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh." If we are to truly walk as Jesus walked, we must walk with the right attitude, the one Paul encourages us to have in Philippians 2: 5-8. We must walk in the right direction and we must walk guided, led and empowered by the Holy Spirit just as Jesus did.

JESUS' MOVEMENT OF MULTIPLICATION MOVES FORWARD AS WE DIE TO SELF INTEREST, SELF PROMOTION, SELF INDULGENCE, SELF LOVE AND LEARN TO WALK IN THE SPIRIT AS JESUS WALKED IN THE SPIRIT. (1 John 2:6; 1 Peter 2:21)

We are learning to truly walk as He walked; making disciples who can make disciples. God help us to stay in step! If someone were to ask, "Who are you discipling?" Could you tell them the names of people you are intentionally investing your life in on a monthly, weekly, daily basis, sowing God's Word into them and helping them to learn what it means to walk as Jesus walked? Who are the people you are truly journeying with in the process of becoming more like Jesus (1 Thessalonians 2:8)? Many talk — few walk. **God help us to walk!**

"Lord, today you have an agenda for me which will reveal itself moment by moment. I have a thoroughly pre-planned agenda for myself. Subconsciously I behave as though my agenda is more important. I have labored painstakingly and strategically so no time would be wasted. I have consulted You as a matter of protocol. For You to direct me, it will require that I be interrupted. This is my desire, that Your agenda would trump my own at every turn." So... We are dreaming big, planning hard, staying humble, listening carefully, and ready to adjust quickly!"