

# DISCIPLESHIP TODAY

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## THIS MONTH'S FOCUS – The Gospel of Jesus Christ

### And So the Story Goes....

A young scholar approached the renowned English statesman Benjamin Disraeli. The scholar had developed a new religion, and he had just written a book to explain its doctrines. The young man claimed that his newly devised creed surpassed in beauty the message of Christ and His crucifixion on Calvary. Disraeli asked the young man about the success of the book's sales, only to hear him complain that he couldn't get anyone to buy it or to believe in his religion. The elderly statesman placed his hand on the young man's shoulder and said, "No, my boy, you will never get anyone to read your book and believe in your religion until you too have been crucified on a cross and risen from a tomb."

– *Windows On The Word*

### They Said It:

"I want to see people understanding the Gospel message. I think sometimes the reason they don't is because of the simplicity. There's nothing you can do but repent and believe. You can't earn it. You can't be good enough. ... [Salvation] is a free gift. I think that's really hard for us to understand." – *Charlie Daniels* (yes, that Charlie Daniels!)



"The whole gospel has been given to the whole church to reach the whole world. So whether you're a musician or an engineer or a farmer or a pharmacist, it doesn't matter; the charge of God is to speak His word, the mystery of the gospel, with boldness."

– *Alistair Begg*

"There are two things to do about the Gospel – believe it and behave it."

– *Susanna Wesley*

"The Gospel is therefore not just the ABCs of the Christian life, but the A to Z of the Christian life. Our problems arise largely because we don't continually return to the Gospel to work it in and live it out. That is why Martin Luther wrote, 'The truth of the Gospel is the principle article of all Christian doctrine. ... Most necessary is it that we know this article well, teach it to others, and beat it into their heads continually.'"

– *Timothy Keller*

"Blues are the songs of despair, but Gospel songs are the songs of hope."

– *Mahalia Jackson*

### Readings From The Scriptures:

**Day 1** – Mark 8:34-36

**Day 2** – Matthew 24:14

**Day 3** – I Corinthians 15:1-2

**Day 4** – Ephesians 1:13

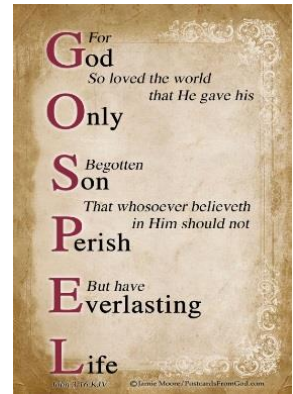
**Day 5** – Ephesians 6:19

**Day 6** – Philippians 1:27

**Day 7** – II Timothy 2:8-9

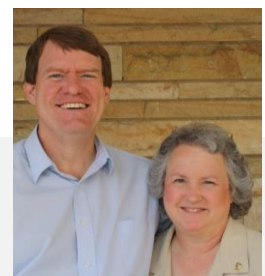
### Try This Memory Verse:

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes." (Romans 1:16)



## News & Notes . . .

- **Visit our website:**  
[www.discipleshipcenter.org](http://www.discipleshipcenter.org) for all kinds of discipleship tools and helps.
- **Discipleship Workshops – Fall 2020:**  
One of the tools we are now using since COVID-19 is called **Zoom**. This tool is a great way to hold video meetings, classes or workshops virtually through your computer (laptop or iPad) -- and you don't have to leave your home to participate! If you do not have access to a computer, you can participate by phone (audio only). Please consider joining us for the following workshops to be offered this Fall:
  - September 12** – 10:00-11:30 a.m.  
"How to Study Your Bible"
  - September 26** – 10:00-11:30 a.m.  
"How to Know and Do God's Will"
  - October 10** – 10:00-11:30 a.m.  
"Listening for God's Voice"Contact us at [edarlin1@gmail.com](mailto:edarlin1@gmail.com) for more information or to register for one or more workshops!
- **Pray For Us During These Upcoming Ministry Opportunities:**
  - **July 26** – Preaching at Binghamton First Church of the Nazarene (NY)
  - **August 4 & 11** – Small Group Workshops with Canastota Church of the Nazarene (NY)
  - **August 9** – Preaching at Auburn Church of the Nazarene (NY)
  - **August 29** – "Sharing Your Faith" Workshop at Canastota Church of the Nazarene (NY)
- **We thank God for your prayers, donations and encouragement!**



For workshop information, or to become a sponsor of TDC, please see our website at [www.discipleshipcenter.org](http://www.discipleshipcenter.org) or you may contact us at: **Ed Darling**, Founding Director, 3356 E. Genesee Street Road, Auburn, NY 13021; [edarlin1@gmail.com](mailto:edarlin1@gmail.com) // [dcentercny60@gmail.com](mailto:dcentercny60@gmail.com) // (315) 256-6548.

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