



Growing a Healthy Church

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1 Timothy 1:1-5



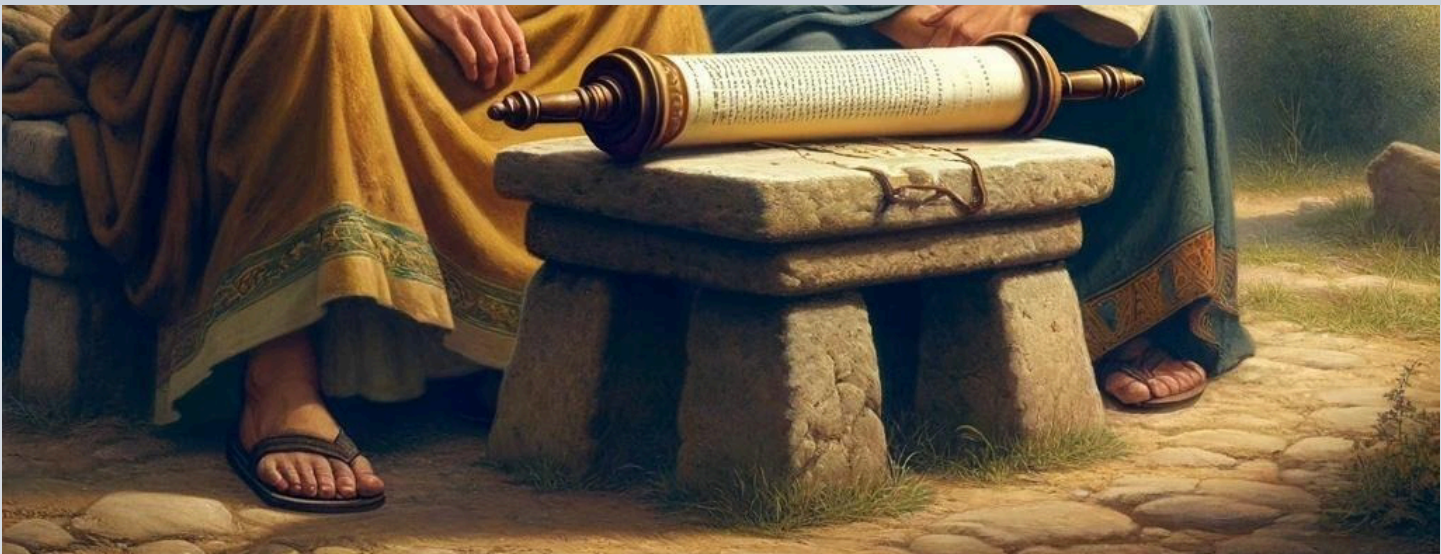
“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of God our Savior, and of Christ Jesus, *who is* our hope, ² To Timothy, *my* true child in *the* faith: Grace, mercy *and* peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.



Acts 9:22



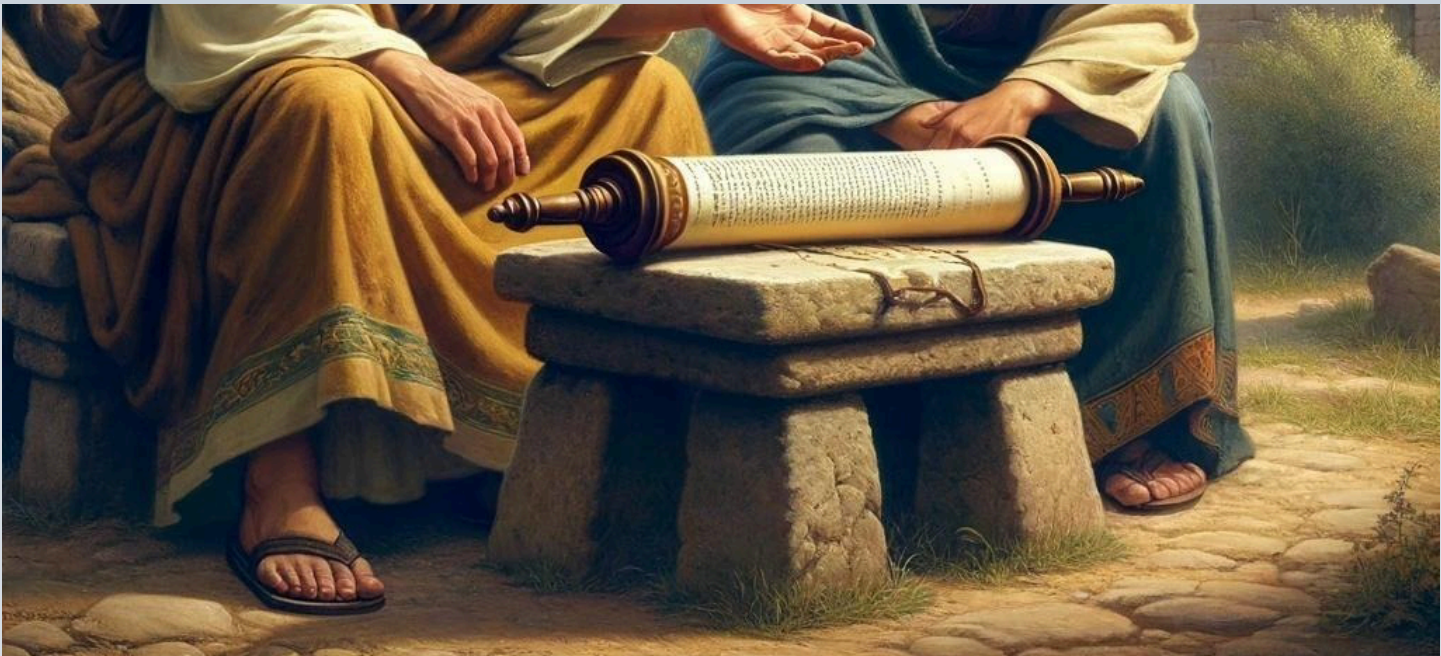
“But Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews who lived at Damascus by proving that this Jesus is the Christ.”



Romans 1:1

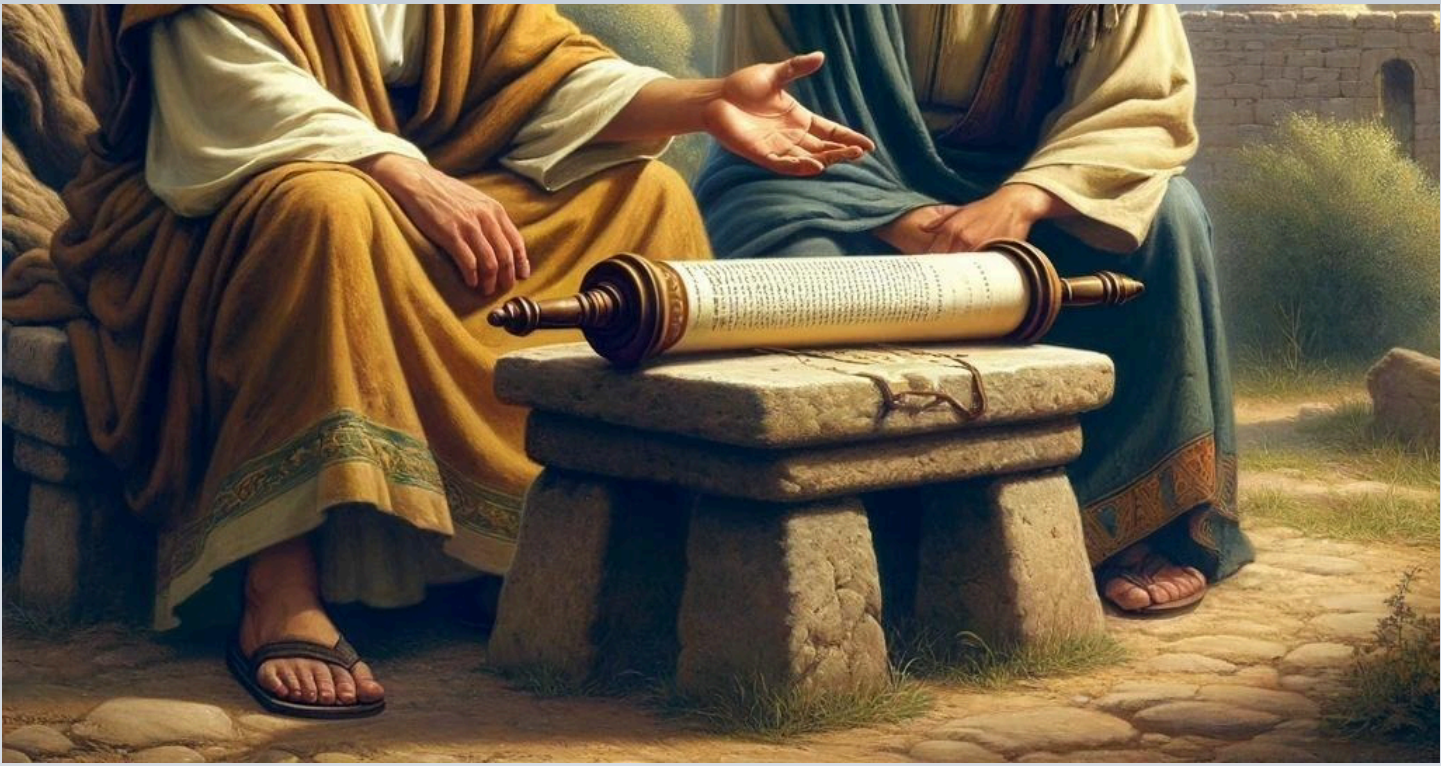


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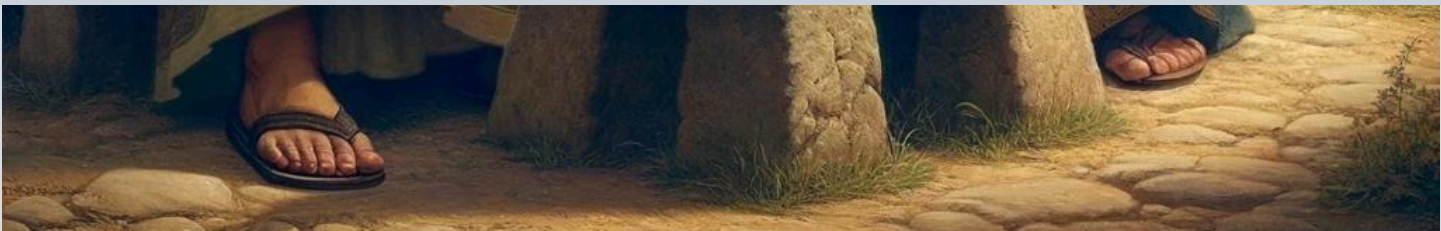
“What have you been saved for? What is your commission in the Kingdom of our Lord?”



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As I urged you upon my departure for Macedonia, **remain on at Ephesus** so that you may instruct certain men not to teach strange doctrines, nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which give rise to mere speculation rather than furthering the administration of God which is by faith.



Paul and Barnabas to Pisidian Antioch



Antioch

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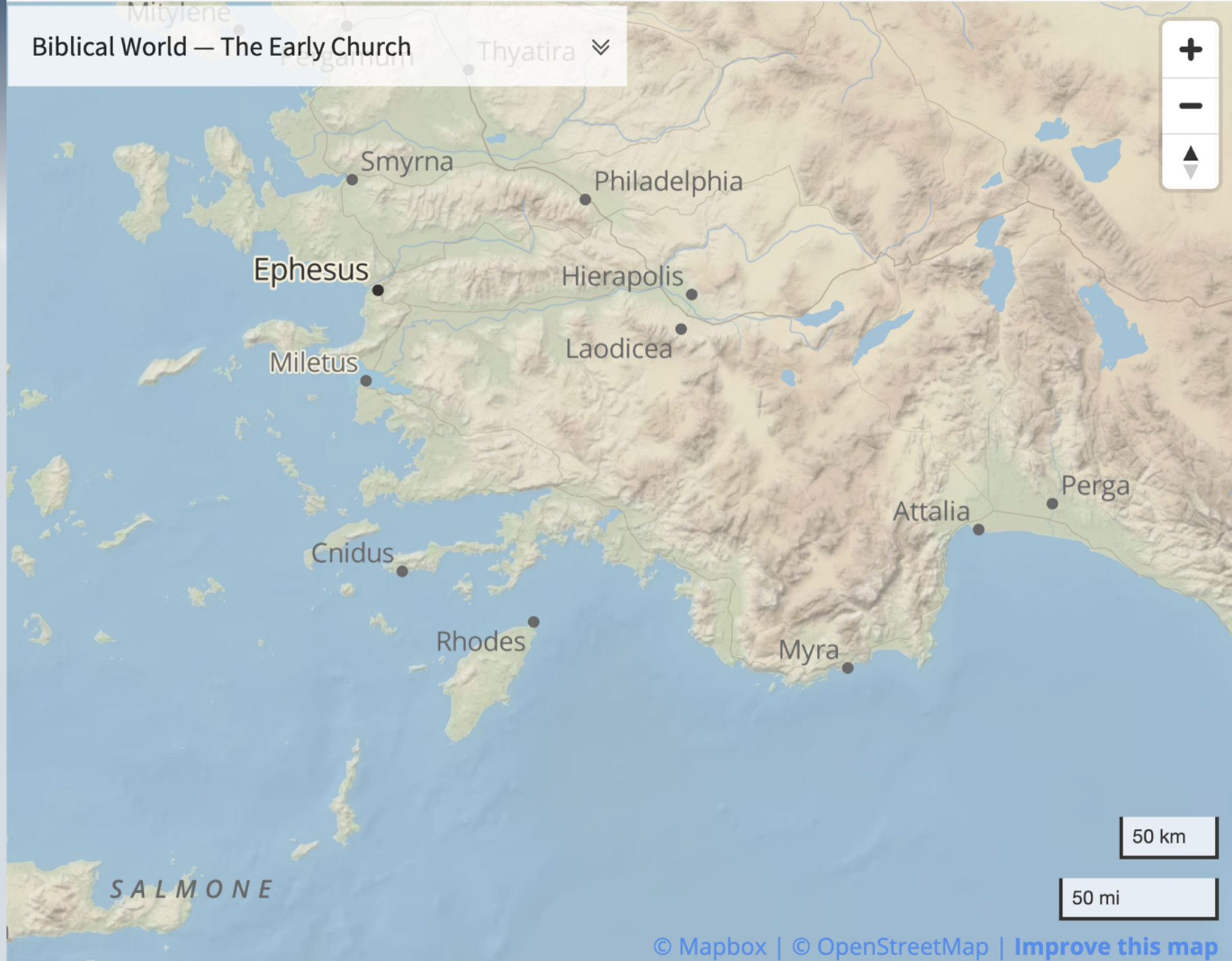
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What problems did Timothy face?

- 1 Tim 1:6: departing sound doctrine
- 1:20: Hymaneus and Alexander
- Ch 4: Worldly fables and traditions of men
- 5:8: Laziness and irresponsibility
- Ch 6: Pride and the love of money.

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Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

What is meant by “make disciples”?

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people to Christ, and building them
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Mindset: Begin with the **END** in view.

- **PRODUCT** before the process
- **PURPOSE** before programs
- **OBJECTIVES** before plans

Luke 19:10

The Son of Man came to seek and
to save the lost."

Rev 13:8

All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

What does a disciple look like?

1. He loves the **LORD**.
2. He loves the **PEOPLE**.
3. He has **INTEGRITY**.
4. He is **HUMBLE**.
5. He is a **SERVANT** heart.
6. He is **SPIRIT**-filled.
7. He lives out God's **WORD**.

8. He is **PRAYERFUL**.

9. He has good **FAMILY** relationships.

10. He **DISCIPLES** others.

Why Make Disciples?

1. Making disciples is the core **MISSION** of the church.

* It is a **COMMAND**. It is not an option.

Matthew 28:19-20

2. Making Disciples is God's plan for every **BELIEVER**.

3. Making Disciples is God's strategy for world **EVANGELISM**.

Matthew 28:19-20

4. Making Disciples is God's method
for spiritual
MULTIPLICATION.

2 Timothy 2:2

Take the teachings that you heard
me proclaim in the presence of
many witnesses, and entrust them
to reliable people, who will be able
to teach others also.

YEAR	ADDITION (Pastor alone evangelizes 1,000 people a year)	MULTIPLICATION (Every church member evangelizes 1 person a year)
0	1	1
1	1,000	2
2	2,000	4
3	3,000	8
4	4,000	16
5	5,000	32
10	10,000	1,024
11	11,000	2,048
12	12,000	4,096
13	13,000	8,192
14	14,000	16,384
15	15,000	32,768
20	20,000	2,097,152

5. Making Disciples is God's way to grow the **HEART** of church.
6. Making Disciples is God's way to develop **LEADERSHIP** for ministry.
7. Making Disciples is God's way to bring **GLORY** to Himself.
8. Making Disciples is God's way to attract **UNBELIEVERS**.
9. Making Disciples is God's way to help all believers live out God's **PURPOSE** for their lives.

Paradigm Shift #2:

Ministers

**From Clergy
to Lay Men**

TRADITIONAL MODEL

- Paid pastors and staff do all the **MINISTRY**.
- Lay people **ATTEND** service and **PROVIDE** money.

BIBLICAL MODEL

☐ We are all **PRIESTS**.

☐ We are all to **SERVE**.

Eph 2:19-22



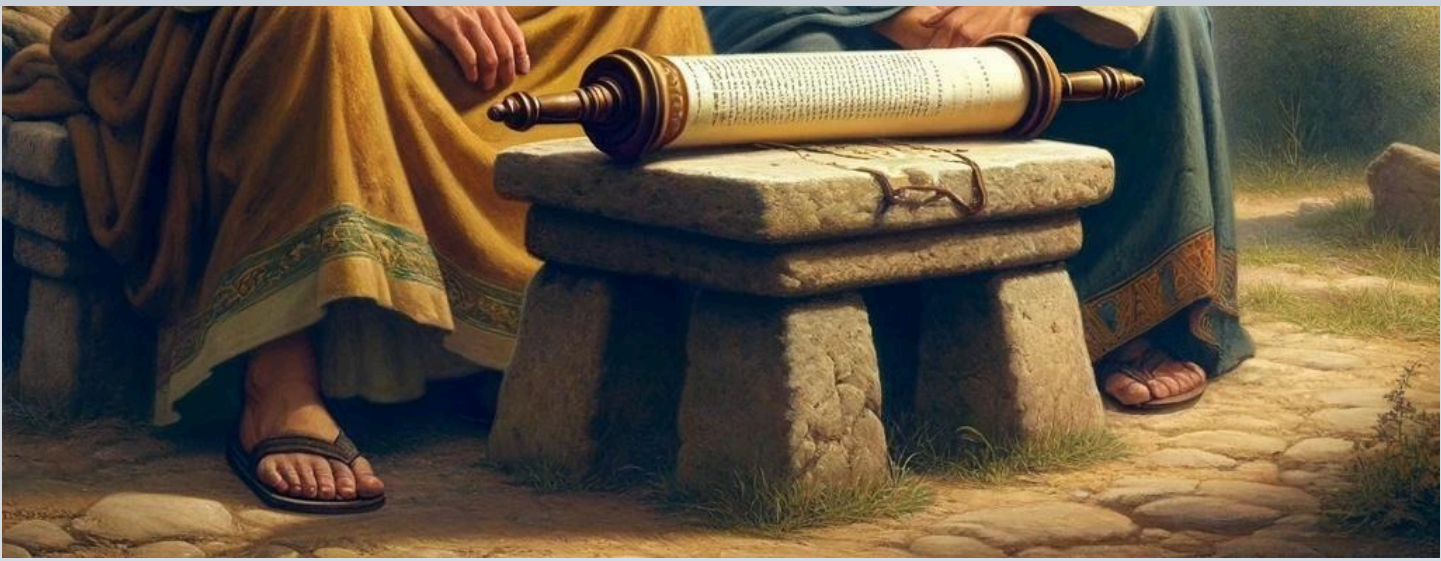
“So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone,



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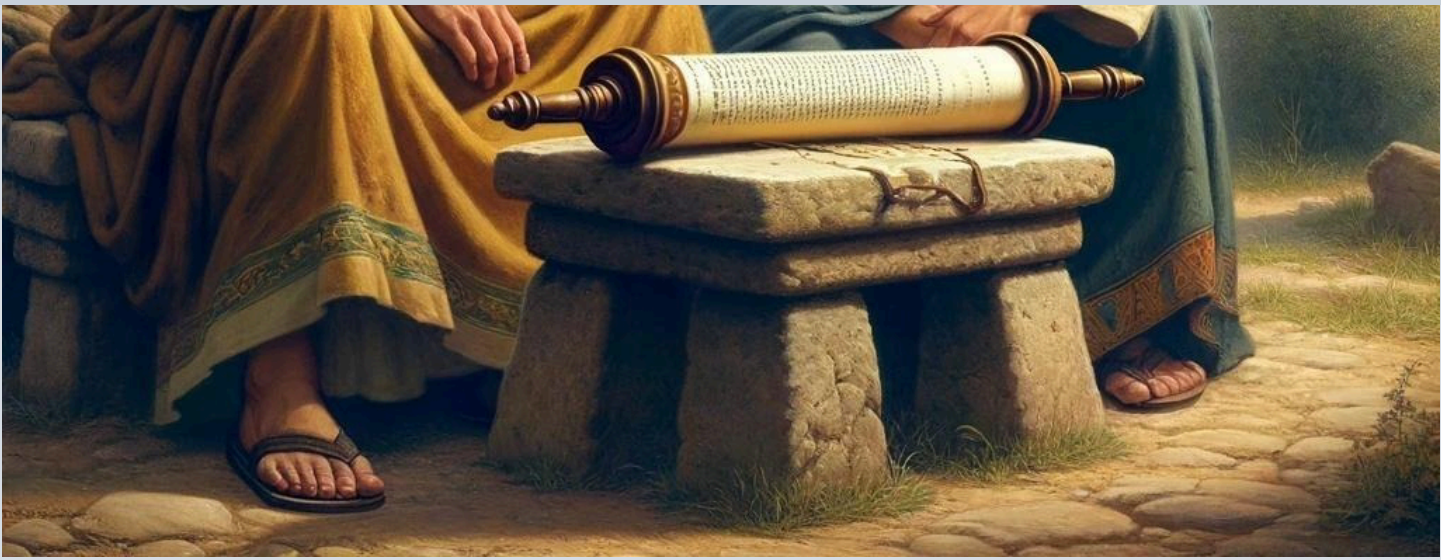
in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.”



1 Pet 2:9



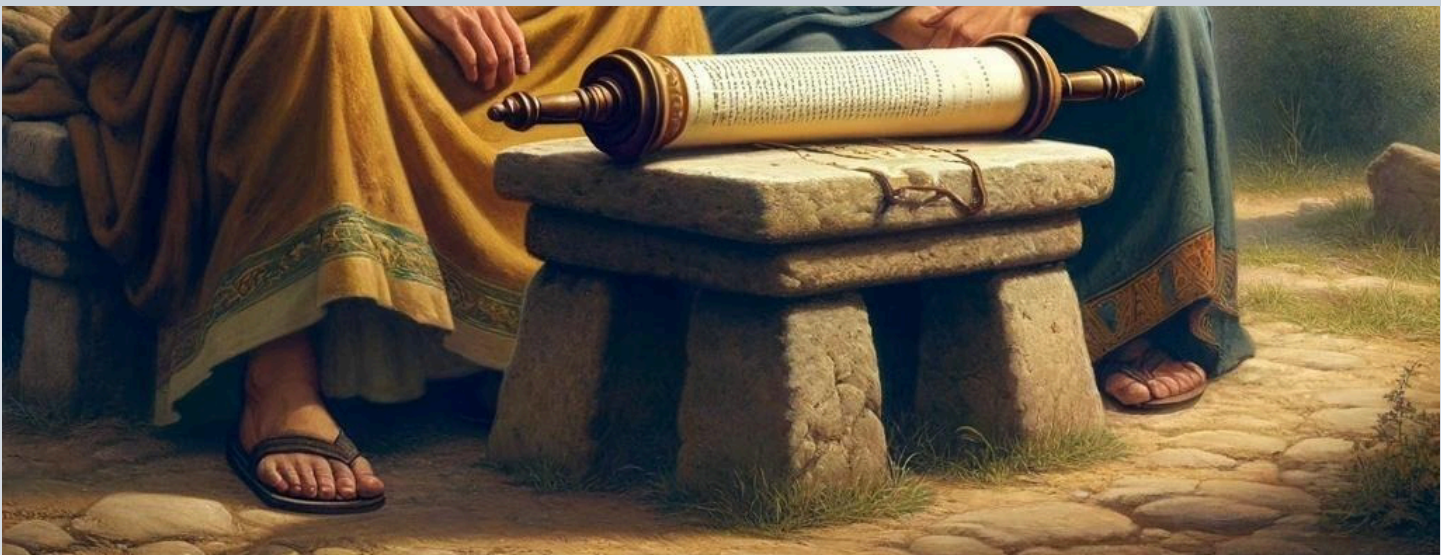
“But you are the chosen race, the King's priests, the holy nation, God's own people, chosen to proclaim the wonderful acts of God, who called you out of darkness into his own marvelous light.”



Acts 4:13



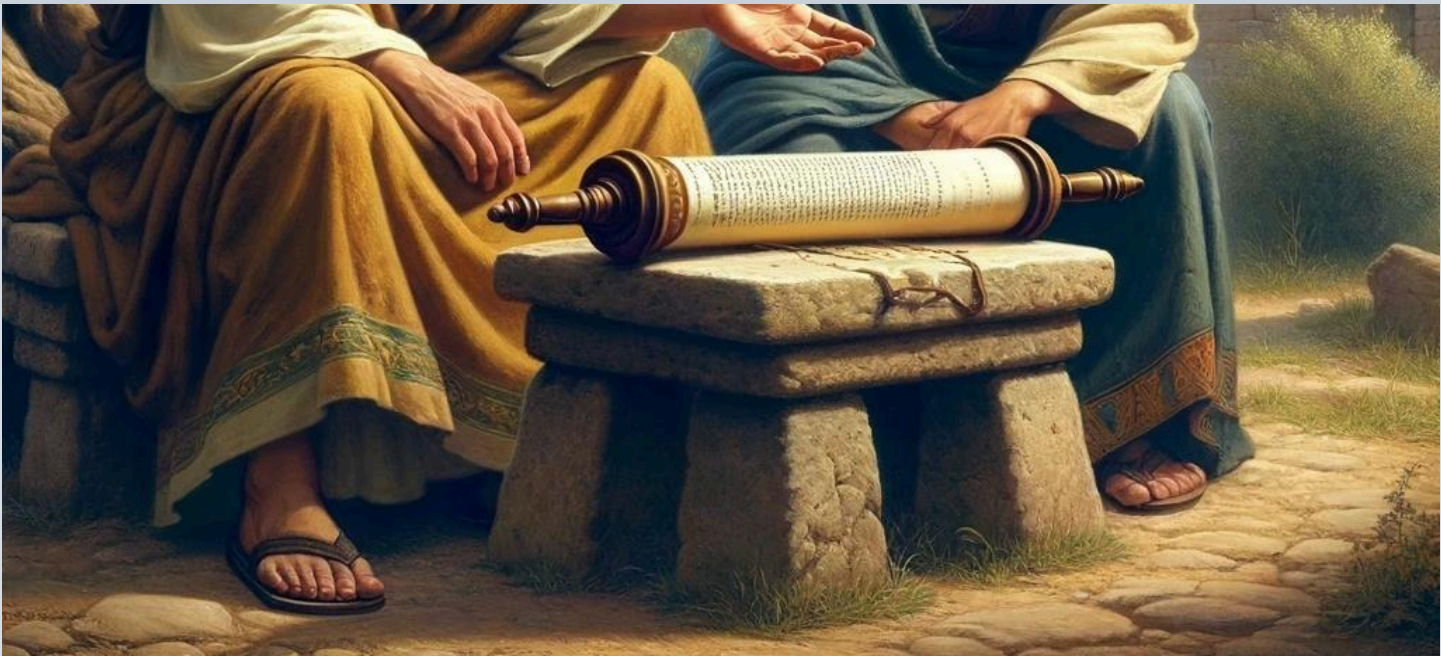
“The members of the Council were amazed to see how bold Peter and John were and to learn that they were ordinary men of no education. They realized then that they had been companions of Jesus.”



Eph 4:11-12



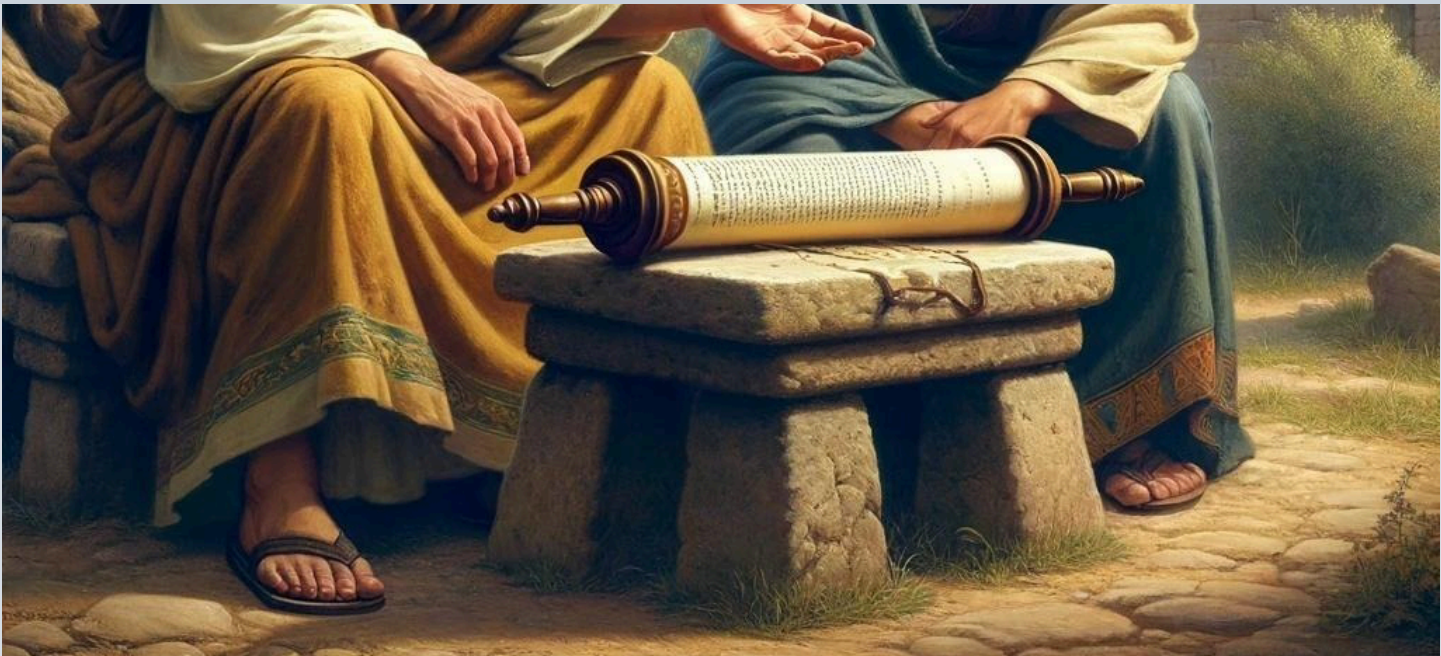
“It was he who "gave gifts to people"; he appointed some to be apostles, others to be prophets, others to be evangelists, others to be pastors and teachers.”



Eph 4:11-12



“He did this to prepare all God's people for the work of Christian service, in order to build up the body of Christ.”



Hindrances:

1. **TRADITION**
2. **IGNORANCE**
3. **INSECURITY**
4. Fear of losing **CONTROL**
5. **PRIDE**
6. Fear of **WRONG** teaching
7. Unable to trust God's
SPIRIT / God's people

Benefits of Empowering Lay People

1. Available **MAN POWER** - 98% of all believers are lay people.
2. Natural **RELATIONSHIP**
3. **RELATE** well with others.
4. Tangible **WITNESS** of God's power to **CHANGE** lives.
5. **GOD'S GIFTS** are utilized.
6. Minimal **COST**.
7. **CREDIBILITY**.

Paradigm Shift #3:

Role of the Pastor

**From Preaching
to Equipping**

Traditional Model

The Pastor's main job is to
PREACH.

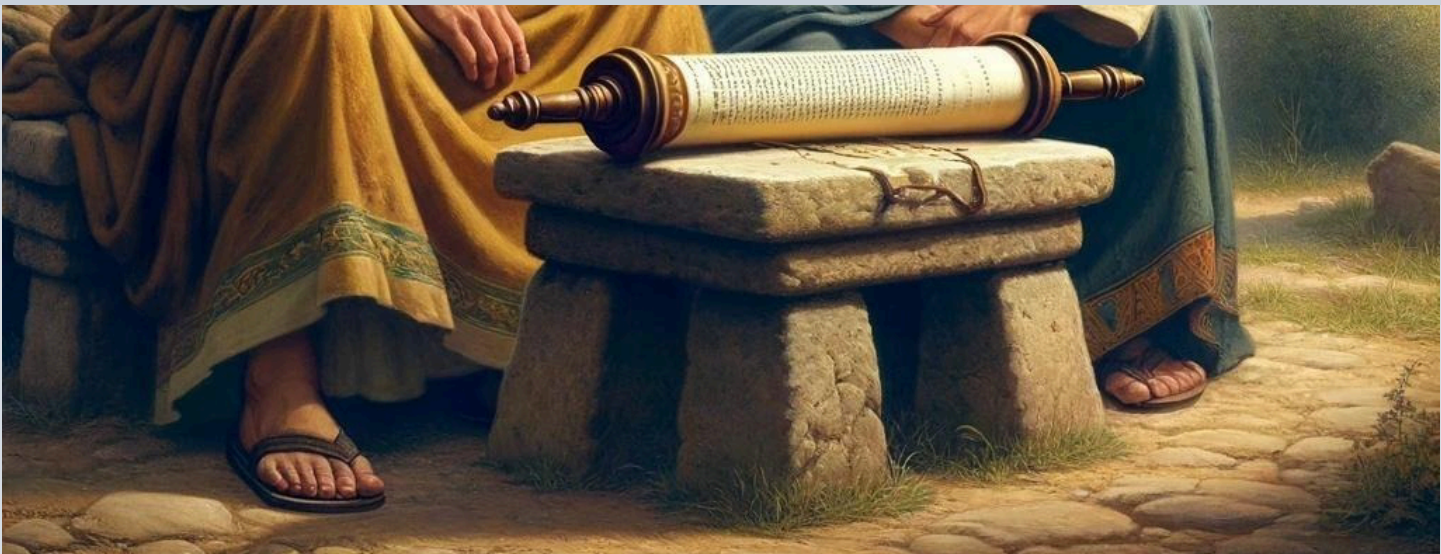
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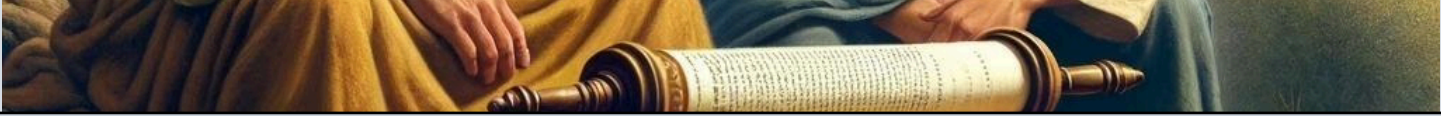
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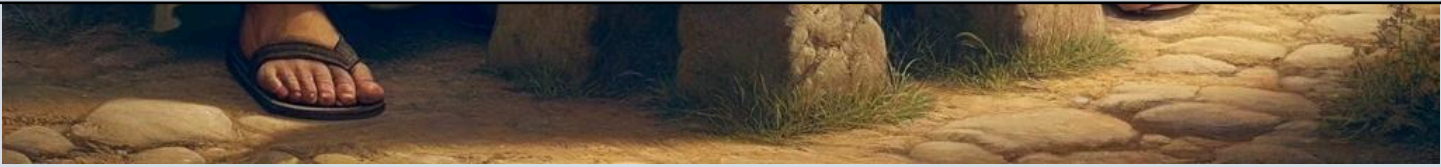


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**DISCIPLES ARE NOT BORN,
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Paradigm Shift #4

Training Method

**From classroom Training
to “Life” Training**

Traditional Model

**Classroom Training =
Head Knowledge**

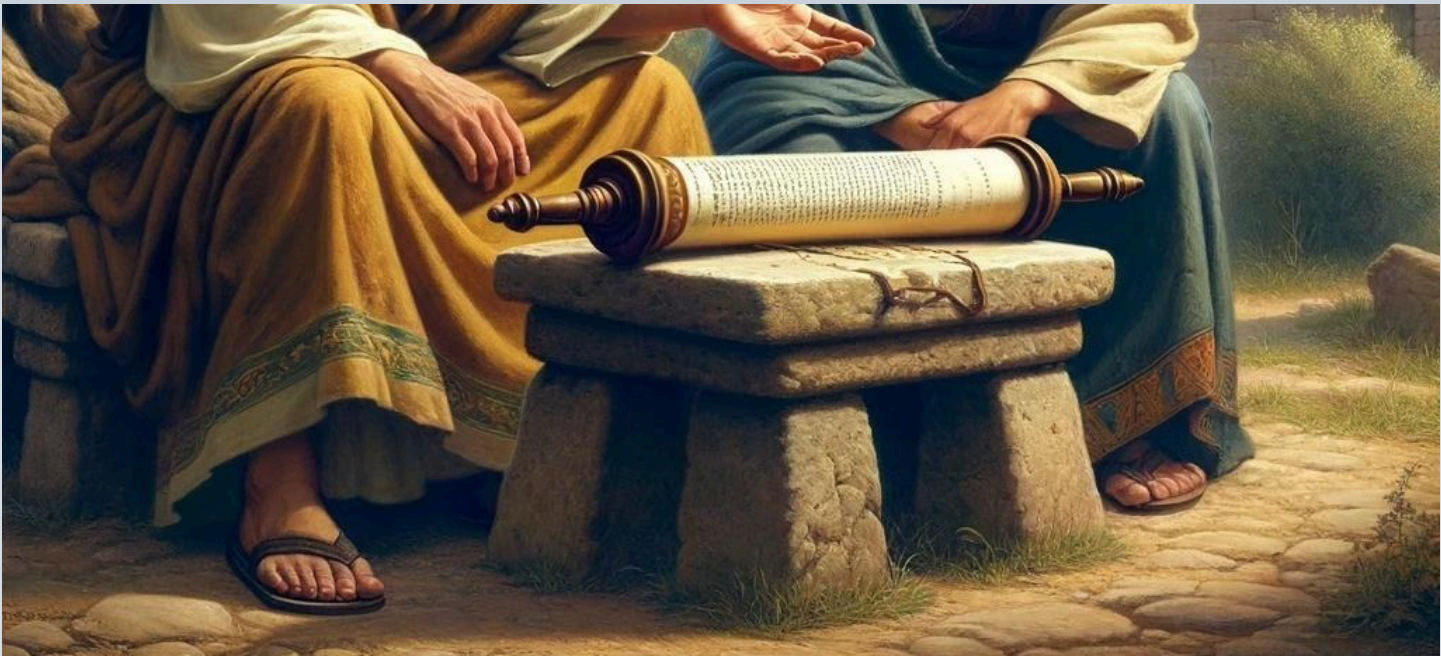
Biblical Model

- 1. Association**
- 2. Mentoring**
- 3. Modeling**
- 4. Character Transformation**

Phil 4:9



“As for the things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.”



1 Cor 11:1-2



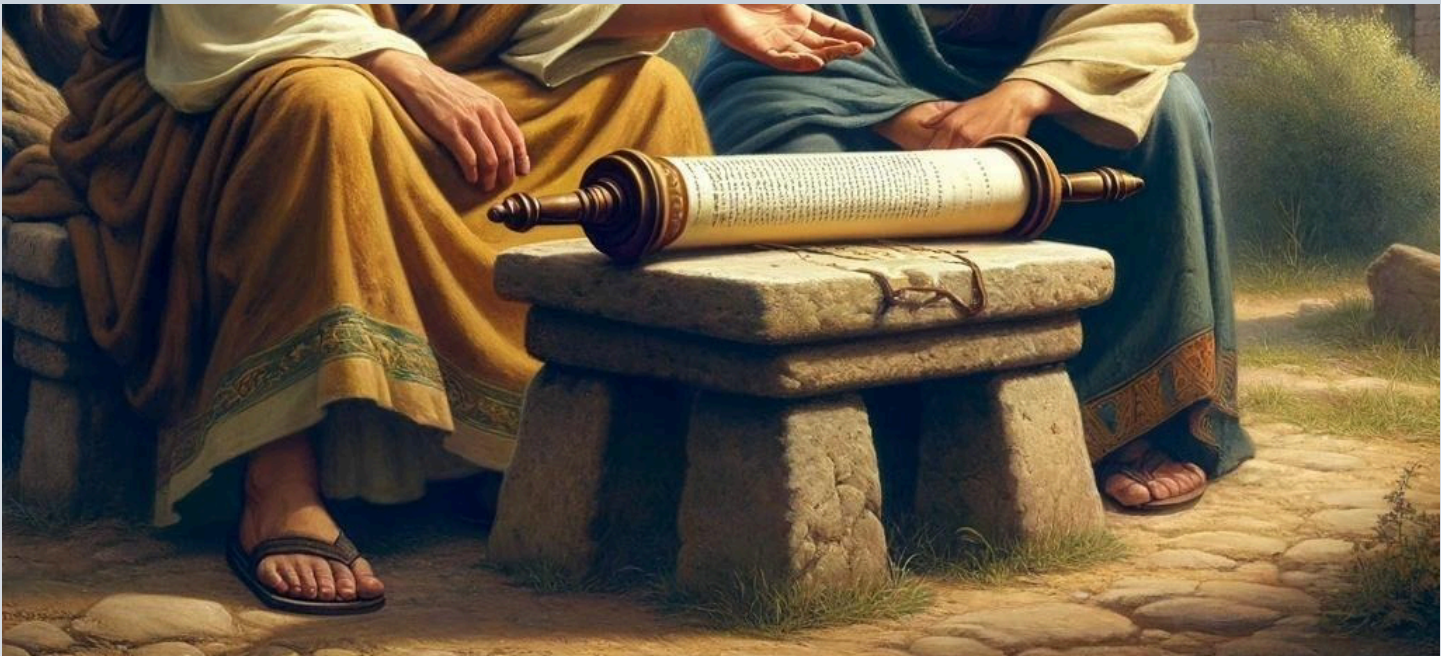
“Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ. Now I praise you because you remember me in everything and hold firmly to the traditions, just as I handed them down to you.”



Mark 1:17



“And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will have you become fishers of people.”



What is meant by “Life Training”?

Classroom Training

- ☐ LECTURE
- ☐ PASSIVE Listening
- ☐ ACADEMIC
- ☐ Head KNOWLEDGE
- ☐ Bible INFORMATION

LIFE Training

- ☐ RELATIONSHIP
- ☐ INTERACTING
- ☐ MODELING
- ☐ APPLICATION
- ☐ On-the-job Training
- ☐ Heart TRANSFORMATION -
character and passion

Process – From WORKERS to BELIEVERS to LEADERS :

- 1. SELECTION**
- 2. ASSOCIATION**
- 3. MENTORING**
- 4. MODELING**
- 5. MOTIVATING**
- 6. MOVE THEM TO SERVE**
- 7. VISION CASTING**



Shabbat Shalom

