***Discipleship is the Way to Being a Bride*:   
*Preparing for the Return of the Bridegroom King and Judge!***

**Restoring the Maranatha Cry is the Cry of the Bride of Christ**

My prayer for us is to continue to discover the beauty of the bridegroom King and Judge. This cry will be amplified as we see Him clearly as He reveals Himself to us, as we draw closer to Him and He draw nearer and nearer to us. It’s a beautiful dance; let’s dance to His cadence in a marching dance array.

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What does God want out of this age? This question is seldom asked and therefore never addressed. He wants a people after His Father’s heart; walking, talking, acting, and believing followers like Him and after Him.

**Define Discipleship**(Excerpt from Samuel Whitfield’s book, “What Does God Want”)

The biblical term for orienting our lives to God’s purposes is discipleship. Much of our discipleship is aimless because we do not really know God’s purpose for this age. As a result, we reduce discipleship to teaching people new information, trying to get them to follow some rules, and encouraging them toward new habits. Each of these can be valuable tools, but none of them is the essence of discipleship.

Discipleship is a process that reshapes us around God’s grand plan for the age. Once you understand His plan, it completely reorients the way you live. Until we fully know God’s purpose for this age, we cannot disciple people correctly, and discipleship is the primary task we have been given.

Jesus commanded us to make disciples, and yet discipleship is often neglected. We neglect it either through lack of involvement, or we reduce it to something much easier and more manageable. If you are not actively engaged in biblical discipleship, though, you are not contributing to the church the way God intends. You may be creating a lot of activity, but you are not really relevant to His great purpose for this age.

Discipleship is hard work, and it can be exhausting, but when you discover God’s purpose for this age, discipleship becomes exhilarating! It takes us into realms of revelation, relationship, and pleasure that we cannot experience any other way.

The Centrality of Discipleship the Great Command given by Jesus is to make disciples:

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. (Matthew 28:19)

Discipleship is the primary task Jesus gave the church in this age, but how much of our time and attention are spent on making disciples?

How many of us see this as a noble calling—a great glory?

(To be continued.)