

Dear Friends, In making disciples in accordance with Matthew 28:18-20, we've observed certain disciplines used by people of all ages and backgrounds as ways to follow Jesus Christ consistently. We've especially noted the benefit of spending undistracted time alone with God (UTAWG as Darin likes to describe it!). Darin emails morning devotionals like these below as samples from the **One Year Bible**, which we'd like to send you for using in any way that helps you model having daily time in the Word.

**Acts 16:29-33** (English Standard Version -- ESV with all of these passages given for today from the One Year Bible: 2 Kings 8:1-9:13; Acts 16:16-40; Psalm 143; Proverbs 17:26)

**29 And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family.**

What did I learn about God?

*God at times will allow His servants to get put in jail and wounded in order for others to hear about salvation through faith in Jesus.*

What difference does this make in my life?

*I'll keep sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ at all costs.*

How can this reading help me disciple men?

*I can encourage Christians to love those around us so much that we don't worry about getting persecuted for preaching God's Word daily.*

**Luke 12:4-5** (English Standard Version -- ESV with all of these passages given for today from the One Year Bible: Deuteronomy 29-30; Luke 11:37-12:7; Psalm 78:1-31; Proverbs 12:19-20))

**4 "I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. 5 But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!"**

What did I learn about God?

*God wants people to fear Him and accept the reality of hell.*

What difference does this make in my life?

*Lately, I've told more people that they will go to hell if they don't have faith in Jesus Christ's death and resurrection as the payment for their sins.*

How can this reading help me disciple men?

*I can encourage men in telling others even the harder truths of God's Word.*