

Busy with Series Entrusted – part 4

2 Timothy 2:2 ... the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses

ENTRUST to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

PEOPLE DIAGRAM

Every follower of Jesus, must become a great teacher.

What makes a Great teacher Great?

1. They Begin with the End in Mind
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4. They are Wearing the End they have in Mind.

This morning we are going to speak update 3 more

5. They Know their Mathētēs

John 10:14 ¹⁴“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep...”

You look at this picture and what do you see?

- The good shepherd looks at this and sees ...
- Fred ...
- Thandi
- Mokgheti
- Willem
- Karen

The Good Shepherd knows their sheep and they know that every sheep is unique.

- So, not only does the good shepherd know their names.
- They know that Fred ...
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I have had to learn this with my daughters.

- They differ in personality, age, character & their inclination to God.
- Differ in what makes them feel loved, feel encouraged or feel connected.
- Differ in what gives them joy, in what makes them sad.
- They learn differently

So, over the years I have had to learn to show love to each of them in a different way.

- How to discipline them differently, teach them differently, train them differently ...
- Emotionally connect with them differently and encourage them differently.

And it is no different to those whom we “disciple”/ teach, train or shepherd.

- The good shepherd knows his sheep.
- And needs to know what helps them move from **Here to There**.

And in order to help them move from Here to There.

1. Need to know where **“Here”** is?
2. Know what will help them **move** ^[or nudge] towards that end.

How do we do that?

Proverbs 20:5 ⁵ The purposes of a person’s heart are deep waters, but one who has insight ^[understanding] draws them out.

This is one of the BIGGEST lessons that I have had to learn over the years.

- Doing my best to understand people.
- ...

What excited them and gives them energy?

- What drains them and steal their joy?
- How do they learn? By watching, listening, observing or doing?
- What makes them feel loved?
- What helps them grow?

It is not a one shoes fits all.

- And because the shepherd loves the sheep.
- They are willing to take out the time to pray, to ask questions ...
- Think, reflect ...

My experience with Surgeon

6. They make themselves Known

John 10:14 “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep AND my sheep know me.

The only way for the sheep to know you is for you to make yourself known.

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We have spoken **freely** ...

- We **opened up wide our hearts** to you
- We are not withholding our **affection** from you ...
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- As a **fair exchange** ... open wide your hearts also.

Brother sharing that no one has been open with him in 15 years.

I think that people might often feel ...

- I don't know you.
- I don't know your struggles, failures or what keeps you up at night.
- ...

The outstanding teacher shares their life, their world.

Matthew 26:38 ³⁸ "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

Jesus as the good shepherd, shared his heart.

- And the good teacher/ trainer will do the same.

Here are some fears and concerns.

- Here is what I am working through or trying to work through.
- Here is what I have had to work through.
- Here are some mistakes that I have made or that I have just made.
- ...

If you are responsible for someone else, open wide your heart!

- I am not saying that you should dump your problems and sin on them.
- But that you should share your heart.

7. Trains, Trains & Trains!

We see Jesus constantly doing this throughout the gospels.

- Train! Train! Train!

Matthew 9:36-38 ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

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Luke 6:20 ²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

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Luke 12:1-3 ¹ ... when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy."

² There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ³ What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.

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Mark 9:28-29 ²⁸ After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" ²⁹ He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."

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Mark 4:34 ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

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Luke 9:18 ¹⁸ Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?"

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Mark 9:31 ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise."

...

Luke 10:23–24 ²³ Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. ²⁴ For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

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Mark 10:23 ²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

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Guy asking Jesus to tell his brother to divide the inheritance.

Luke 12:22 ²² Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear."

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Luke 17:1 ¹ Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come."

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Matthew 16:24 ²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

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Turning to his disciples he said, turning to his disciples he said ...

- Train! Train! And Train!

That is what a great trainer/ teacher/ shepherd does.

EXAMPLE

How to do personal Bible Study

- Here is a Thomson Chain Reference Bible
- Sample - Page

How to Pray

- Praying out loud, journal, walking ...

How to tackle your character.

- ...

Great husband, wife, dad, mom, son or daughter.

How to budget your money

- Give, save, live on the rest.

How to be a great employee/ boss.

How to resolve conflict.

- Who is the enemy – Ephesians 6¹²
- Make the truth as easy to hear as possible.

Come and fellowship with me, see how it is done.

- (Meet me at 9am).
- ...

How to enter a room ...

Going on a double date.

- From how we ask the sister, to picking them up, treating them, talking to them.
- To the note afterwards.

I am personally relentless when it comes to this.

- And the reason for it is that it has been so tremendously helpful to me over the years

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All of this takes place in **Relationship**/ Friendship.

- But what kind of Relationship?
- **Spiritual**/ God Fearing relationships.

We tend to lean either way.