

Asian Discipleship Summit 2016
Women class (Crystal Chan from Hong Kong)

“Walking by Faith & You’ll Walk with Me”
Loving & Healthy Discipling Relationships

"Walking by Faith"

Intro:

There is a famous general in the old days of Chinese history, named 伯樂, who could raise talented horses to run real fast even for thousand miles.

You might want to have a 伯樂 in your life that who could recognize all your talents and raise you up like a flying horse or solve all your problems like an unbreakable shelter from God.

Or maybe you wanted to be a leader like 伯樂 who is able to help others and raise people up.

If things are just all set for us, it couldn’t see our **Faith**, if we seek **to be understood** and look for **perfect answers** from others all the time.

1. Faith to be refined in difficult relationships

Matthew 17:16-17 New International Version (NIV)

I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him.”

“You unbelieving and perverse generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me.”

In all DP relationships we have had in our Christian lives there will be some difficulties, if they are not superficial...

There are difficulties in all kinds of relationships, like, husband & wife, parents & children. Lessons for both parties to learn, that means we grow together in Christ through the differences we have had and the mistakes that we have made, sometimes, sins we’ve committed that are against each other...

Be prepared and have Faith to be refined in difficult relationships!

2. Faith to seek something bigger than **You and I**

It takes FAITH.

What makes God’s Kingdom different from this world, it’s not because we are a bunch of perfect people treating each other perfectly, but instead, we are willing to (sometimes struggle to) stay humble and use God’s way to resolve conflicts between us and turns out become a different person who are more and more like God through faith.

The book "Spiritual mentoring": Sometimes we don't allow sufficient time for people to struggle or we too much want them to do what we think it's good and spiritual, it's because it threatens the little peace in our hearts...

Luke 6:12-13 New International Version (NIV)

The Twelve Apostles

One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles:

Jesus prayed before choosing the 12 disciples, He chose them by prayers, Jesus wants God to be in the relationships between He and the disciples.

Peace will not come to our hearts when problems get quick fixed, but instead, there is peace in heart when God is there between any relationships.

To love and to let go at the same time, it takes faith, and we won't stand in a higher ground than to any body else...it takes faith to be the shepherd but not the boss.

Discipling is an attitude not a position.

It doesn't depend on DP /leadership responsibility but **faith & character**.

Have Faith to encourage people to walk a different path from yours. Sometimes, we just worry too much how I am doing as a leader or a discipler.

The 12 disciples of Jesus turned out very different in their personalities & making different choices in lives. Every one of them grew differently but they all have the same discipler. **Jesus is still Jesus wherever he goes.**

What kind of **attitude and quality of leadership** that you would contribute into the body of Christ that brings a **unique spiritual culture** and **character** in your church, ministry or BT.

Jesus chose the 12, and also he was always being with Peter James & John that formed a **unique culture** of the first century church.

Every one of us is helping to form a **spiritual community of Christ** in your BT, ministry and Church. Something that is just bigger than **you and I**

Conclusion:

Keep maturing and growing with difficult relationships

As Bible says, **"let both weeds & wheat grow together until the harvest."**

Walking by faith, we all could **be refined in Christ** and seek something bigger than **You and I**