

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

## *Inefficient Discipleship*

What does discipleship mean... to be a disciple?  
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**Pencils** – Do you still use them?

*Most work is now digital/electronic*

*We still teach early education math & writing by hand with pencils*

What's on the other end from the lead? – **Why?**

**The need for corrections is known, and common**

*It's not uncommon to run out of eraser before running out of lead*  
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**John 8:31-32,**

*Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*

**Vs. 36,**

*"Therefore, if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."*

*It stands to reason that His disciples would be free, doesn't it?*  
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**Matthew 28:18-20,**

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go\* and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father*

*and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

*\* (as you're on your way)*

How do **freedom** and **obedience** complement each other in **discipleship**?  
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Would you say Simon Peter was a disciple?

*Do you think Jesus trusted Him?*

**Matthew 16:13-18** – "Who do people say I am?"

**Vs. 18,** "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."  
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*So... how did Peter the disciple do?*

**Matthew 14** – Walking & sinking

*"O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"*

**Matthew 16** – Jesus tells them He's going to be killed

*Peter rebukes Him, "This shall not happen to You!"*

*Jesus replies, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an offense to Me..."*

**Matthew 17** – Mt of transfiguration

*"I'll make three shelters as memorials"*

**The Father rebukes him from heaven**

**John 13** – The last supper

*"You will never wash my feet!"*

**John 18** – When Jesus is arrested

*Peter hits a man in the head with his sword*

**Matthew 26** – Outside of Christ's first trial

*Peter denies he knows Him, three times.*

**John 21** – After his restoration by Christ

*"But Lord, what about this man?"*

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*Being a disciple of Jesus requires corrections...*

And **willingness to receive** those corrections.

Too often people have made it a **code of conduct**, a scripted **academic process** or a **codified set of beliefs**.

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*He told us to **make disciples** by **teaching them to obey everything He commanded** us.*

*Of course, to follow His example is to invite others to follow ours*

*That means we must be committed to obeying His commands*

So, **what are His commands?**

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*You may be relieved to know **there are three***

**Matthew 22:37-38,**

*Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' **This is the first and greatest commandment.**"*

**Vs. 39-40,**

*"And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' **All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.**"*

**John 13:34-35,**

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. **As I have loved you, so you must love one another.** By this **everyone will know that you are my disciples**, if you love one another."*

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**Making disciples like Jesus did is not about efficiency...**

**It is very much about effectiveness.**

*The lives of **His disciples are becoming more like Him** our entire lives*

**It can't be done without correction**, even with a computer.

*Spell-Check has corrected me so many times I've become a better speller*

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*In our life as disciples, **He hands us the eraser...***

**Then He writes more of His love in us.**

*As we receive His love, we love Him in return...*

**And we become more loving and accepting** of each other.

**We get better at loving like He does**, in His behalf