



Learning to Love Like Jesus, part 2

Richard and Sabina Wurmbrand as examples of following Jesus

WHY LEARNING COMMUNITIES? **Circle Two Opportunity...**

To become better and better disciples of Christ TOGETHER so we can face **anything** through...

1. Deeper learning of Biblical truth
2. Stronger "iron sharpening iron" relationships

Ephesians 4:12–16 (ESV) ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Introduction

OMK: We HAVE to slow down... cannot afford to rush the truths God has for us in this... I sense a high importance... we must consider seriously and prepare... Richard and Sabina were preparing for years in advance so they would be ready to go through persecution in Christ honoring way

"The believer places himself before God like a canvas awaiting a painter. Obedience is taken for granted. The canvas, after all, does not resist the gentle pressure of the artist's brush. The Christian life is not a life of constant choices between the ways of Christ and those of the world. We are living His life. The choice has already been made; we have died to self."

(Richard Wurmbrand, "The Oracles of God," 2006, p. 74)

Before the young Russian soldier ever stepped onto the train with a satchel of Bibles, he assessed the risk of reaching out with the love of Christ in the face of persecution with the words, 'If my life were my own, I would have quit already.'" (*"Wurmbrand Study, Participant's Guide, p. 32*)

- ➔ **Advance Training:** Preparing to go through opposition in Christ honoring way. Settling the issue of dying to self and then training to serve Christ when it is hard.

1 Timothy 4:1–8 (ESV)

- ➔ **Attitude Change:** Leaping for joy and Living lives of Love when opposition happens

Luke 6:22–23 (ESV)

- ➔ **Understanding spiritual battles:** Seeing beyond Earthly Realm Reality to Heavenly Realm

Romans 1:28–32 (ESV)

Movie Clip: 17:55 to 35:40

1. A New Type of Christ-follower

Highest treasure is intimately knowing Christ

Highest responsibility is to represent Christ

Wise as serpents – wary, watchful

Willing to risk all to obey – getting baptized, distributing Bibles

Every soul won to Christ must be made a soul-winner no matter the cost

SCRIPTURES...

Luke 10:17–20 (ESV)

Matthew 10:16–22 (ESV)

2. Learning to overcome fear

Richard finally arrested

Bible passages memorized provide essential resources

The eternal perspective developed provides strength to endure

SCRIPTURES:

2 Timothy 1:7–14 (ESV)

3. Enduring the loss of and suffering of people we love

One of the hardest kinds of suffering for Christ

Sometimes suffering leaves physical and emotional scars

SCRIPTURES:

Hebrews 11:13–16 (ESV)

Takeaways...



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