Discipleship in a ‘Selfie’ World

‘Selfie’ culture tends to foster..

A love of ‘self’

Inauthenticity in relationships

"We are settling for a Christianity that revolves around catering to ourselves when the central message of Christianity is actually about abandoning ourselves."

David Platt

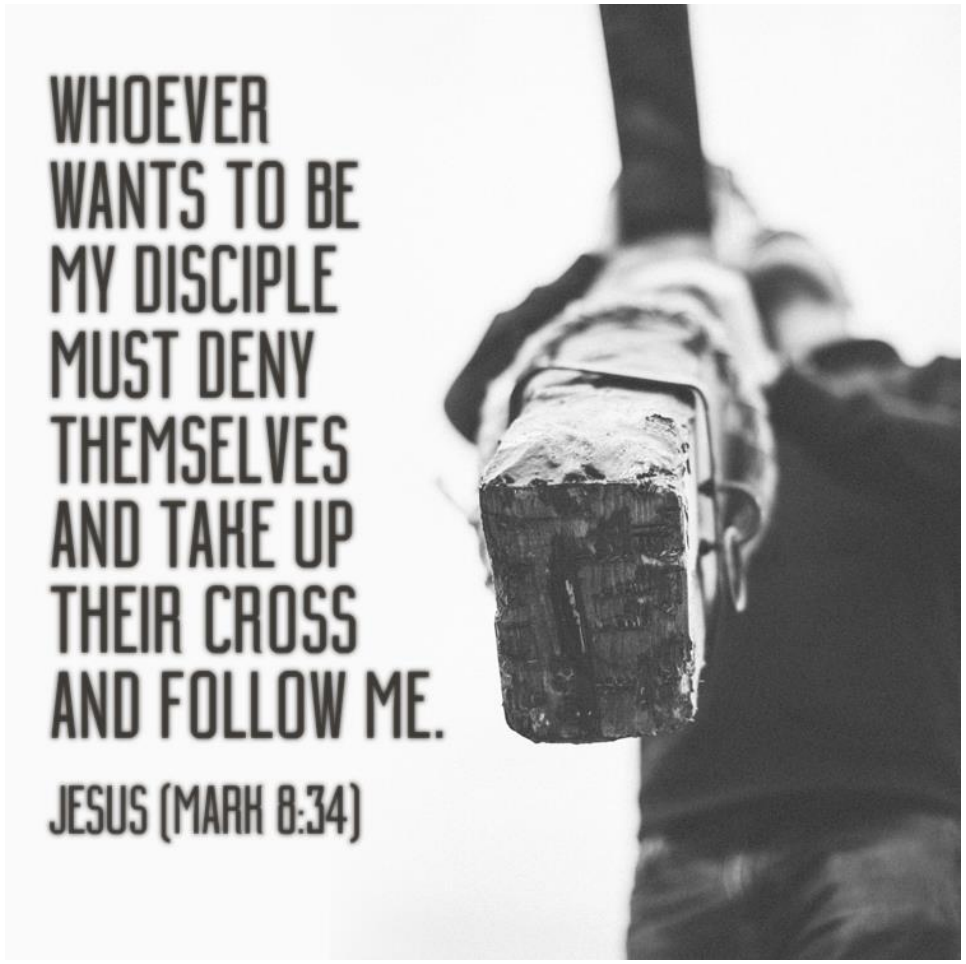
"Let's preach the gospel the way Jesus and the apostles did. Theirs was not a message of unconditional affirmation. They showed no interest in helping people find the hidden and beautiful self, deep inside. They did not herald the good news that God likes you just the way you are."

Kevin De Young

What kind of disciples is the Church producing today?

"An uncompromising allegiance to the Lordship of Christ is the basis of true discipleship. Such an allegiance to Jesus has two fundamental considerations – it demands us giving up our rights (turning from) and it summons us to follow fully after Jesus (turning to)."

Edmund Chan


WHOEVER
WANTS TO BE
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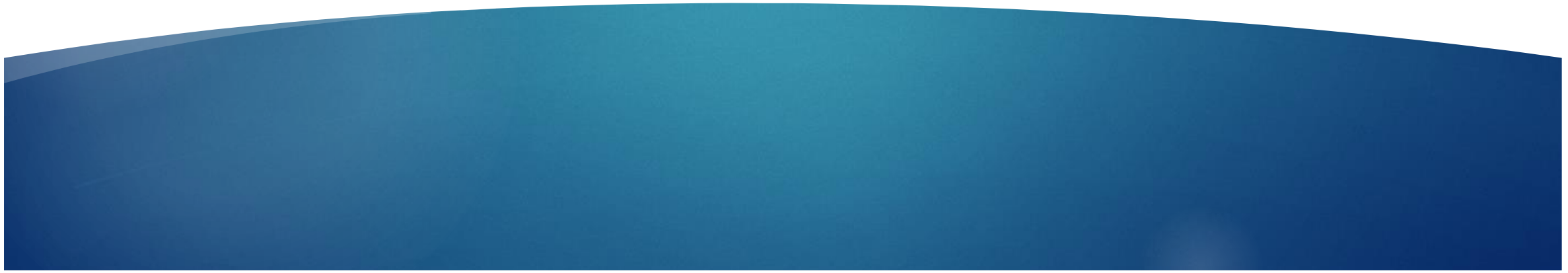
JESUS (MARK 8:34)

Discipleship is first and foremost a call to intimacy with Christ.



"By nature we are not transparent people – we are very insecure; we try to cover up our faults; when we sin, by nature we want to conceal our sin rather than confess it – so, we put a filter on. The more 'filtered' our lives become the less authentic we really are."

Craig Groeschel

We may impress people with our strengths, but we truly connect through our weaknesses.

Craig Groeschel

"You cannot learn discipleship by just completing some course or gaining a certain knowledge – we need inspiring models to imitate. One of the most presumptuous follies is that information transmitted leads magically to life transformation."

Edmund Chan

“Therefore, I urge you **to imitate me**”

1 Corinthians 4:16

“**Follow my example**, as I follow the example of Christ”

1 Corinthians 11:1

“*Brothers, join in **imitating me**, and **keep your eyes on** those who walk according to **the example** you have in us.*”

Philippians 3:17

“*Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or* ***seen in me*** *- put it into practice*”

Philippians 4:9

“And **you became imitators of us** and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, 7 so that **you became an example to all the believers** in Macedonia and in Achaia”

1 Thessalonians 1:6-7

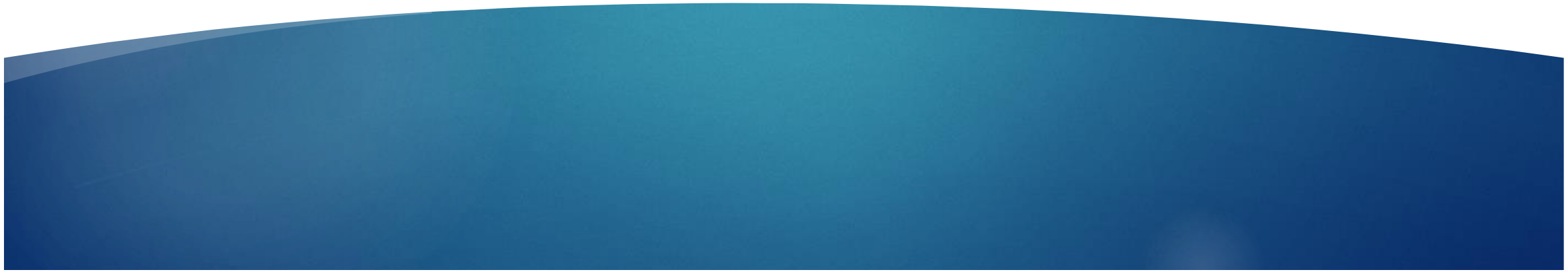
“Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased **to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives**…”

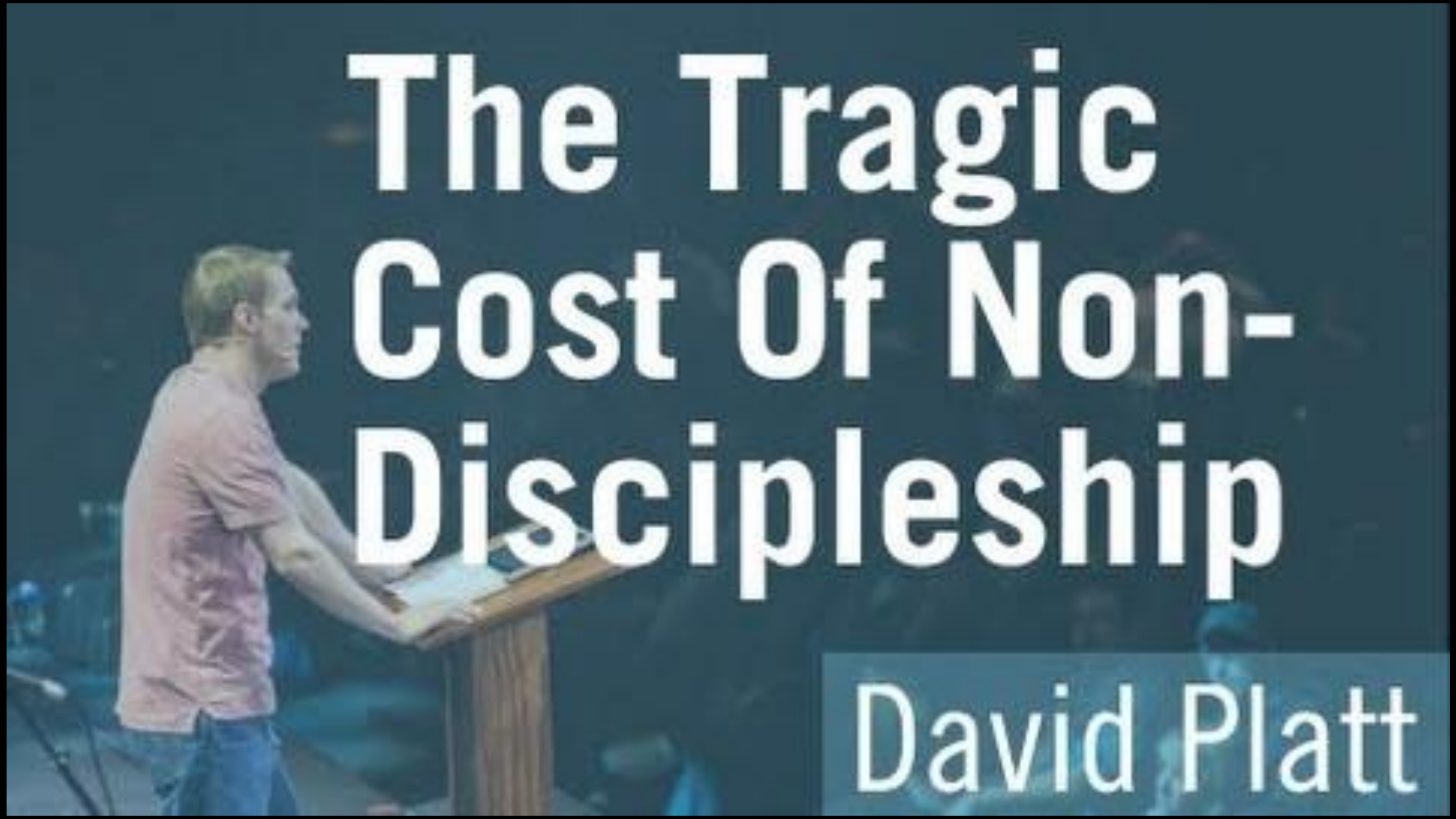
1 Thessalonians 2:8

“Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. **Consider the outcome of their way of life** and **imitate their faith**.”

Hebrews 13:7

True discipleship is transformational discipleship!




The Tragic Cost Of Non-Discipleship
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