THE NEXT STEP

FROM STUDENT TO TEACHER 2 Timothy 2:1-2 Jeff Schreve

One generation shall praise Your works to another, And shall declare Your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4

You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. 2 Timothy 2:1-2

What is the next step in a deepening walk with Jesus?

- 1. We start our Christian lives as spiritual infants.
 - A. We are delivered from spiritual death to spiritual life. "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life." John 5:24
 - B. We are needing to learn and grow.

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to babes in Christ. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able. 1 Corinthians 3:1-2

2. We need to find a mentor who can help us grow.

... to Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 1 Timothy 1:2

You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 2:1

- A. We need to know how to be strong in the Lord's grace. This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? Galatians 3:2-3
 - B. We need to see how to live the Christian life.
- 3. We need to find a student we can mentor and help grow.

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A. Teach them the Word and ways of God.

Retain the standard of sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you. 2 Timothy 1:13-14

- B. Teach them how to <u>teach others</u>. *Go therefore and make disciples ... Matthew* 28:19
- C. Successfully pass the baton of faith to the next generation.

God is waiting for you to take this next step.