Discipleship: Unbelief & Belief Part 1

Discipleship in John 12







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Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart,



lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them."

Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him.

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Unbelief

his brothers, Jn. 6 > his own people, Jn. 1 > Nazareth, Lk. 4, Mk. 6, Mt. 13 Samaritan village, Lk. 9 > Decapolis, Lk. 10, Mt. 11 > disciples, Jn. 6

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Isaiah 6

And he said, "Go, and say to this people:



"Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive."

Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes;

lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed."

Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant,

and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste, and the Lord removes people far away,

and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled."

The holy seed is its stump.



God was sending His prophet to a people who would not listen.

Belief

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Not a process we control. > Born again! > Our responsibility ... (continually) speak the word of the Cross!