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**Message Series:** Vision: Fan Into Flame

### **1. Life Shift in 2023: Jesus Wants All of You**

1) When we move to fully seeking God's Glory - we stop being the center of what really matters.

**SIN:** at its root—is failing to give God glory; it is loving anything else more than we love God.

**Prideful Rebellion:** refusing to give glory to God—caused Satan's fall.

Isaiah 14:12-15

Psalms 27:4, 8

2) When we focus on God's Splendor and overwhelming beauty—we are then truly free and can be used to help others see the Glory of God.

2 Corinthians 4:4-7

2 Corinthians 4:11, 15, 16, 18

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose" ~Jim Elliot

### **2. The Path to Discipleship**

Mark 1:14, 15, 17

**Notice:** "The time is fulfilled. The Kingdom of God is near."

**"Time"** ("Kairos" GK) The strategic, decisive time: Now is the time of opportunity. Don't let this pass you by.

#### **The 3 Imperatives:**

1) Repent of Sin, 2) Believe the Gospel, 3) Follow Jesus

**"Disciple"** - student, a learner, a follower

2 Timothy 1:2, 4, 6

**Truth:** We become a disciple when we are transformed by Christ and then we radiate Christ to those around us. We have so deeply experienced God's love that we love to share that love with others.

**"Disciples live"** - as if Christ died yesterday, rose today and is coming back tomorrow."

1 John 1:3, 4

### **3. Glorifying God: Paul's Clear Instructions**

1 Timothy 1:11 "*the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.*"

1 Timothy 6:20

2 Timothy 1:11-14

⇒ God has entrusted us with the Good News of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit gifting to share it.

**Notice Our Empowerment:** "Thru the power of the Holy Spirit Who lives in us."

Romans 1:16

2 Timothy 2:1-4

#### **The Christ Follower: A Soldier**

1) Grows Strong in God's Grace (2:1)

Isaiah 40:29, 31

2 Corinthians 12:9, 10

2) Passes The Life Changing Ministry To Others (2:2)

3) Endures Suffering Without Getting Side Tracked: He Loves To Please God (2:3, 4)