

PIONEER TRAINING EXTRA | VIDEO #26

BABIES, CHILDREN, AND FATHERS

Welcome to this lesson 26 in the "Pioneer School"!

I am really excited about this lesson

where I am going to continue a little where I was last time, but we are going to talk about the different levels.

Some people are not born again

and what they need is different

from what born again believers need.

And again, young men in the faith.

They need something different than born again believers.

And fathers, they need something totally different again.

And we need to understand that and if I look at the church today

we are giving many places beef to babies.

If you serve a beef to a baby, you can be sure that that baby is going to die.

Or we give milk to young man.

Then you can be sure that that young man is not going to grow

and become a father by just drinking milk.

And after a short time - he will be maybe end up dying because he needs more than milk.

He needs solid food to grow and to survive.

And it's so important when we talk about making churches or building churches, or building people, growing people up, making disciples, that we know that there are different levels

We know where people are, so we can be effective in disciplining them, being effective in growing them up.

And I think you'll love this teaching where I am going to talk about this.

God bless you!

Hello everyone out there and welcome to this 26 lesson
on the "Pioneer School"!

I am really excited about what God is doing

God is revealing a lot of things right now when it comes to church

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We have seen a lot of people getting kickstarted all over the world.

We have seen a lot of people meeting God.
We have seen people repenting, getting baptized.
People are learning to heal the sick, cast out demons.
And we have seen God do amazing things.
And it just keeps growing and growing and growing.
But there is more.

There is more to learn. There is more to do.
Especially when it comes to church,
when it comes to see what God's idea was
when it comes to New Testament churches.
And last time I've started to do a teaching about churches
and I am going to continue this time
and I am really excited about it because
I've experienced a lot of revelations in this.
There are things I have never seen so clear before
and we are learning a lot of things.
So, I am excited to share this with you.
Last time we spoke a little about church as a family.
Church should be a family,
not an orphanage.
And last time I spoke about the difference between an or-
phanage and a family
where in orphanage we have a few leaders and a lot of
kids.
Leaders who do the job and go home to their own kids af-
terwards.
That is like the institutional church today
where we have priest coming and doing the job
with a lot of people sitting and listening.
Then we have the family
where we have parents,
where parents are there to grow the kids.
Parents are there to get kids and let kids grow up
and move from home.
And I talked about that last time where I also spoke about
that -

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- to become part of a family, you need to be born into that family.

To become part of the church you really need to be born again.

You need to have the same spirit, but also the same DNA, the same vision, the same idea.

Otherwise, you cannot experience the unity in a family that God wants us to experience.

But I spoke about that last time.

I spoke about that there are different families.

There are families without children,

there are families with children, with babies,

there are families with bigger children

and there are grandparents.

That is different. You cannot use the same method for everyone.

You cannot use the same program because every family is different.

It depends on if there are babies or no babies,

or small babies, or big kids, and so on.
But all of that I spoke about last time.

And if you have not seen the teachin

I encourage you to go in and see it.

But church is about growing people.

Is about growing people, getting pe

and then grow them up from being babies to children, to fathers, or parents.

Church is not about just having members.
Church is about having the people.

Church is not about gathering people.
The church is about reaching people.

I've met many churches where they gather people, but the sad truth is that those people they gather after 10, 15 years in that church, they are still babies, spiritual babies.

After 10, 15 years they still need other people to come and feed them.

And that is wrong!

This is not what God called us to do.

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God called us to grow people where they become mature. And we need to understand that. We need to understand the different levels people are on, also. Because if you take a big beef and give a big beef to a baby, that baby will die. If you give milk to a grown-up, maybe that grown-up person can survive on milk for a short time, but after some time that grown-up will also die, and that grown-up will not grow. Babies need milk. Grown-up people need beef. They need solid food. And if we don't understand that, if we don't understand what level are fellowships on, if we don't understand what level people are on, then we will not be effective in growing people. We will not be effective in doing churches, fellowships the way God wants us to do. So, I hope you are ready for this lesson where I am going to talk about the different levels people are on, when it comes to not born again, when it comes to babies, when it comes to young ones and when it comes to fathers. And then I will talk about this today and then later we will put it all together. And remember, when I talk about churches and fellowships, as I've talked about in one of the other lessons, it's very simple. Church is about loving God, loving your neighbors and making disciples. Fellowships, churches - it's not about buildings, is not about staff, is not about program, is not about budget. You can have staff, program, buildings, budget,

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It's a cult. It's like Jehovah's witnesses.
They are only after your money. You have to keep away from all of that."

And my father told me that. And I said to my father:
"But I also said that to Tommy, but... but it's right, I see it now.
This is the truth."

And he did not understand that it was like that.
He didn't see that as the truth
because his eyes were still spiritually closed.
But a few years later, his eyes got open.
He got born again and he also understood it because now he was born again.
And when you are born again,
when I got born again,
I, from the beginning on, had a hunger for the milk.
I had a hunger for the truth, had a hunger for the Word of God.

It's like in the natural, when a baby is born,
the baby has a hunger for milk.
If the baby don't get milk, the baby will start crying out.
So, I had the hunger for the Word of God
and I could not go on sinning the way I did before.
Why? Because I was born again.
And John...
And I want to start with this because we need to understand what it is to be born again.
We need to understand who are fully born again and who are not,
if we want to be effective in making disciples.
The Bible here make it clear that no one who is born of God makes a practice of sinning. He cannot keep on sinning.
That is not the same that he doesn't fall and he has to learn
because you have to learn, and you fall, and you make mistakes
as a born again believer, but you cannot have a practice

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of sinning,
you cannot continue in sin.
And by this we see who are children of God and who are not.
And also, by this who love their brothers,
who love fellowship.
And I would say, when I got born again, I could not go on sinning,
I loved the Word of God
and I just needed to be with other believers.
I loved my brothers. I needed fellowship.
Nobody needed to come and teach me that.
Nobody needed to come and bring that up in me.
Because it came from the Spirit.
The Spirit inside of me did that I could not go on sinning.
The Spirit of God did that I loved the Word of God.
I sought the truth and the Spirit inside of me did that I loved fellowship.
I wanted to have fellowship with other believers.
But today, I see that those things are often missing
when we disciple people.
We are trying to disciple people
who don't have a longing for the Word of God,
we are trying to disciple people who love their sins
and don't have problem with living a life in sin.
We try to disciple people who, actually, don't love the fellowships
and are seeking fellowship with other believers.
We maybe call them the lukewarm Christians,
but let's just call it as it is - they are not born again.
They are not fully born again if they don't have those things,
because we can know a tree by its fruit.
And if that fruits are not there -
then it's not a good tree, it's not a tree of God.
And instead of going in and trying to change the fruit,
we need to go into the foundation, we need to go into the root.
If those things are missing in a person's life -

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we need to go back to the gospel.
We need to help them to get born again,
because when they are then born again,
when they truly experience the new birth,
those people will automatically bring this up in them.

>From the Spirit of God - they cannot keep on sinning.
>From the Spirit of God - they have a longing for the truth.
>From the Spirit of God - they long for fellowship with other believers.

When those three things are there
then we can start to work with them, we can start to disciple
them
and it's much easier and they will grow.
But if those three things are not there
we can spend a lot of time on people
who actually don't want it.
But, I am going to continue this.
There are people who are not yet born again.
They are not spiritual and they are maybe in the church.
And they have no hunger for God and His Word.
They have no hunger for righteousness and they keep living
in sin
and they have no hunger for the Body. They don't love their
brothers.
When we meet them, we need to understand where they
are -
to be effective, to help them.
And what do those people need?
Those people need more than somebody coming and
picking them up
and say: Come on! You have to come to the fellowship.
They need more to say: Come on! We need to give you
teaching.
And try to cover those aspects that are missing.
No, those people who are there need the gospel.
They need somebody who can see that something is miss-
ing.
Instead of keep discipling them like they are already be-

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lievers,
we need to see what is missing. They need the gospel
and they need to be born again.
And when they are fully born again,
those things will be part of their life.
And I've seen that. I've seen people in churches
who did not understand spiritual things. They wanted.
They think they are believers. Other people think they are
believers.
They think they are born again. Other people think they are
born again.
But we think of them like lukewarm Christians
or born again Christians with bad fruit.
But, when we then took the time to sit down with them
to explain the gospel to them and they for the first time
really understand it and really get born again... kaboom!
Those fruits came natural.
Suddenly, after many years in church,
suddenly, they have a longing for the Word of God.
They were hungry.
We didn't need to try to make them hungry.
It came by the Spirit.
Suddenly, they could not go on sinning anymore.
We didn't need to be over them all the time and say:
Don't do this and don't do this and this is wrong.
It came natural by the Spirit.
Suddenly they wanted fellowship. They wanted to be with
others.
We don't need to go and pick them up in the car
every time there is a meeting and say: you need to come
to the meeting and so on,
because this is exhausting.
If you keep trying to disciple people who don't want it, you
are dying.
You will not bear fruit and it's very exhausting.
But when they get born again -
it comes natural.
And it can take time

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to sit down and explain the gospel to them.

It take time.

But don't go further and focus on lots of other things - go back to the gospel.

Help them with that foundation.

So, that is something about being born again and I'll put it all together later, so it will be even more clear in next lessons.

Then we have people...

I want to say about this again... I can come with an example.

I was in Canada some time ago and I was in a church where I actually met a guy who was in the church.

He have been in church for three months.

And I asked him... I looked at him and said:

What about you? So you

And he said: No, not yet.

Not

No.
Okay. Do you speak in tongues? Have you received the
Holy Spirit?

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No. Andante 11 : 14 / 12

And I asked him: Why not?

So I went to the ladder in the church and I said

So I went to the leaders in the church and I said. I have a question here. We have somebody here who have been with you for three months.

He is not baptized in water. He is not baptized with the Holy Spirit.

He haven't experienced God yet.

He's not born again. Why not?

And the people there in the church, the leadership, said:

We don't know.

I said: What?!

They had an idea if people just come to our fellowships,
then it will happen automatically,
then God will get them born again.

This is our job.

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It's our job to take care of those people we are in contact with.

We cannot expect them to do it by themselves.

So if we see people who want it or are seeking God, we need to take them, sit down with them

and be better in explaining the gospel to them.

And I've explained about the gospel in lesson 8,
how you share the gospel.

And what I did that day, at that meeting, I said to everyone:

Listen here. Now I am going to take this guy,

I am going to sit down with him. I am going to share the gospel

in front of everyone of you.

And what I'll do with him today,

you should have done three months ago.

And that day I sat down with him.

I shared the gospel with him.

He repented after heard the gospel.

How can you repent if nobody's telling you what sin is?

He got baptized in water.

How can you do that if we don't do it?

And I laid my hands on him and he received the Holy Spirit.

That day he got born again.

And he got the fire like never before.

His life got changed.

The sad truth is - if I have not been there and done that that day,

maybe after two, three months more in church, he would have thought: Okay, God doesn't want me, nothing happened. Those people are on fire.

Those people have a zeal for God. Those people long for God.

I don't have it. Maybe something's wrong with me.

And then he would have drift out again.

And I have seen that. I have seen people come to church,
be in church, and after some time in church -
they just drift out again

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because nobody took the time to really get them born again.

And it's so important to understand this.

But if people don't want to listen, if people don't want the message,

if people don't want to sit down and hear the gospel,
then there is a place where we don't run after them.

Take the dust off your hands and feet
and move on, move on.

Because you cannot disciple people who don't want it.

And I have seen people in church who used years on trying to disciple people who actually don't want it.

Jesus is radical. Jesus said something like this in Matthew 7.
He said this.

This is Jesus saying.

What does He mean by that?

What does He mean by not giving dogs what is holy and do not throw pearls before pigs?

Because they will trample on it and attack you.

What He means is that - do not offer what is holy to people who don't appreciate it.

Do not offer what is holy to people who don't appreciate it.

Because then they will turn against you and attack you.

The dogs and swine here is the picture of a worldly man or woman

who doesn't value what you give to them.

A dog doesn't care if the food you give to them come from the chef in a big restaurant or come from the garbage.

And swine, if you give them pearls, they don't appreciate the value of that.

The same way, we need to be better to not use our time, our energy, our money, on people who don't want it.

And there is the freedom in this.

If you want to make disciples and be effective, those people who want it - help them, go far, go the whole way, lay down your life for them,

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give your money for them, give them everything they need, those people who want it, help them, help them, help them. But those people who don't appreciate it and don't want it

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- take your dust off your feet and move on.

Otherwise you will end up spending a lot of time on people who don't bear any fruit.

So, this is just important, but we want to continue.

So, there's people who are not born again and you can know the tree by the fruit.

If they don't have that zeal,

if they don't have that longing for the Word of God and all of that,

longing for fellowship and righteousness, then give them the gospel, help them.

If they don't want to receive the gospel, move on.

But when they get born again - they are now born again.

But they are like infants. They are like small children.

And some of those who are born again have a religious background

so they know more than others

and some people are totally from outside the church.

And we have people also in church who... many who are not born again,

and of course... They are born again but they are still infants.

They are still spiritually immature

and therefore we often see problems also in churches.

Paul actually addressed that in 1 Corinthians.

So, Paul understood that when he address people in churches,

there were people who were mature,

there were people who are like fathers,

but there was also people who were like infants, like small children.

And what he addressed, what he could give the infants was not the same as he could give the more mature people.

I'll just continue. Hebrews 5...

So, here we see, in this text, that there are babies in Christ, there are children, there are people who are more mature, there are people who, in the time that have gone ought to be teaching others, but those people instead need

other people to teach them.

Those people who ought to be mature are still babies.

They need milk. They are unskilled in righteousness.

They can still not discern good and evil.

And this is our job.

Our job is to grow people up.

A healthy fellowship

is not a healthy fellowship with a lot of immature babies who have been immature for many, many years.

A healthy fellowship is a fellowship where those babies grow up

and they become mature. They grow up in Christ and they are not babies anymore. They are not unskilled anymore, when it comes to righteousness. They are now ready to teach other people.

And this is what the whole vision and idea is, not only with the five-fold ministry, I am going to read about now,

but the whole idea with church, the whole idea with coming together

- is to grow people.

Not just grow in numbers, but grow in quality.

That people who are not born again - they get born again.

But they don't continue as babies. They grow up and become young men

and then they grow up and become fathers.

And then they get babies themselves.

And those babies grow and become young men

and they grow up and become fathers and they get babies again.

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Like in the natural.

So, lets read here Ephesians 4:11-16.

And I want to explain it.

So, why are we together? We are together for the equipping of the saints.

So we, as the Body of Christ, we grow up,
so we are mature in Christ, no longer children.

What is it with children?

Children are thrown from each side to another, every time there is a new teaching.

They cannot discern good and evil. They are getting confused.

So, we need to grow the Body up.

And this is what it is.

If you look at babies. Babies are born again.

They are infants. They are small children.

They are still unskilled in righteousness.

They are born again, but they are not mature yet.

They are born again and they have a hunger for the Word of God.

They are born again and they are hungry for righteousness.

They are still unskilled in it.

They are born again. They are hungry for fellowship with other believers,

but they are still not yet mature.

And those who are like babies -

they need to learn from where they are.

You don't give them a big beef and say:

Take this. Eat this. See you next week.

When people are like babies, they m

The next morning, the sun was bright and the birds were singing. The children were excited to go on their adventure. They packed their backpacks and set off on their journey through the forest.

They need still other people to teach them, other people to feed them.

Then, as we read before, we have something called young men or more mature people, children or young men. Then, too, there are other

There are young men. They can eat independently and they are now learning to know and to trust God. Some are still learning to trust their parents.

So, those young men, they can feed themselves,

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they can handle solid food and they, somehow, can discern good and evil. They are now growing up. What they need - they need training. They don't need milk like before. They need training. They need help to become fathers in the faith. And I want to take another scripture where you read about those different levels so you can understand it and then I'll put it together.

>From 1 John 2...

These are the things where John is going in and talking about, like:

I've been writing this to you, young children.

I've been writing this to you, young men.

I've been writing this to you, fathers.

And one of the things he said about fathers here is that - You fathers, you know Him, who have been from the beginning.

Or said with other words - you know God and have known Him for a long time.

You have a relationship with God.

You really know God.

You have been here a long time now so you see things the children don't see.

You understand things that babies don't understand.

You are now fathers. You are now, as I wrote here, you are now mature in the faith.

And other people are now looking up to you and, as fathers, you have your own children.

So, what do fathers need? They don't need milk. They need to be encouraged to be there for the next generation.

Fathers need to help to raise up others to be like them in the faith.

You who are seeing this video are one of those four. Maybe you see this video and you are not yet born again. How do you know if you are born again? Do you have the fruit of somebody who is born again? If not, you need to be born again.

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It's more than just: Oh, I now I need to pull myself together and I need to get a longing for the Word of God and I need to pull myself together, I need to have love for the fellowship,

I really need to pull myself together,
and... and... and... and get a longing for righteousness.
No, you need the gospel. You need to be born again.
Because, then the Spirit is doing all of this inside of you.
But you who are born again, when you are spiritual baby,
and that has nothing to do how old you are in your age.
That has to do with how old you are spiritually,
you need something that is different from fathers need
and young men need.

Young men, if you now have understood the foundation,
you have grown up,
as young man you also need something different than ba-
bies.

And again, and again, with fathers.

And what is important with life here is that we need to understand

where people are

We need to understand where they are in their life

Paul was clear to whom he was speaking to

And we cannot demand the same from a baby as we demand from a young man.

I have just got a grandson, David.

If he just sits and poo in his diaper, we are excited:

Hey, he poo in his diaper! He is a boy. He is not one year old yet.

We don't demand a lot of things from him.

We take care of him. We give him a lot of things.

We don't give him beef. He doesn't barbecue with us.

He's there, but we give him something else.

But what he's eating, if we feed that to our teenage daughter

who is sixteen years old, soon seventeen, she will hunger.
She will eat it.

She will not grow by it.
There will come a time when she will stop growing by it.

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if she only eat that again and again.

And some churches do the same thing all over again
and they have really good focus on getting people into
church

and they are maybe good at getting people born again, but those people need more than just the same thing all over again.

What now when they are born again?

They need something else.

And this is what I believe that...

Instead of seeing the church as a institution with a lot of different kids, the church should be like a family where we have fathers, we have babies and we have children.

And people understand that. And it's part of where we are and then we help people from where they are.

We help people from where they are,
because it's different what they need.

Lets take babies. What do we do when we have babies?

When people are born again.

What they need - they need... I wrote something down here, they need the time to grow. It takes time to grow.

We don't demand too much of them.

They have still no skills, they need milk and they experience a lot of attacks.

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Babies need time to grow.

They make mistakes.

They are still unskilled.

It's so important us who are more mature in the faith

that we remember how it was in the beginning,
that we don't forget where we came from.

I have a high standard over myself, over my life now.

I have a high standard with some of the young people we are working with,

who are strong in the faith,

but young people make mistakes, babies.

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They are under attack.

We need to help them. We need a lot of patience.

And they are going to sin again. They are going to fall in sin.

They are going to fight. They are going to do crazy things. But they are babies. What more can we expect from them? And we need to except that. We need to give people time to grow.

We need to don't demand to much of them.

So, need them... Like Paul, when he wrote to babies, children, small children, he said... you... Not Paul. John, sorry. In John, we read about before, he said:

Your sins are forgiven.

We need to help people to understand their sins are forgiven.

We need to help them to understand who they are in Christ. And when they then sin and do something wrong, then there is forgiveness again and just come up again, rise up again. We need to understand that.

Because they are going to fall in sin. They are going to fight.

They are under attack.

Then we need to give them the Word of God.

But they need milk. We cannot just give them the Bible and say:

Here's the Bible. Go home and read it.

Somebody said to me when I got born again:

Torben, go and read the Bible.

I went home to read the Bible. I've never opened the Bible. So I started in Judges. I opened up the Judges in the Old Testament

because I wanted to read about the Judgement Day
and I thought I'll read about that there.

I did not know that was the New and the Old Testament.

I did not know that the Gospels were still somehow before the cross,

and therefore you didn't see the full life there,
but this is about Jesus and how He was teaching how to fol-

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low Him.

I did not know about the Holy Spirit and New Covenant on the cross

and the Book of Acts, what the Book of Acts was about.

I did not know Romans and how Romans was in the letters, and all of that.

I did not know it. People don't know it if we don't help them.

So, I would say, if we have somebody who is new in the faith as a baby,

introduce the Bible to them.

Read the Bible with them.

Explain where's the Old Covenant, the New Covenant starts.

Explain them about Jesus' Word, what He is saying.

Go back to Jesus. Explain about the new birth and explain them about the Book of Acts and early Christians,

Romans, all of that. Help them. Introduce them to the Bible.

Read the Bible with them. Talk with them about it.

And I also wrote here that they are under the attack.

They have not yet overcome Satan.

We have to understand

When people are born again, Satan hates that and he is very fast in attacking in the beginning.

And we see that with Moses we see that with Jesus

As soon as Moses was born, pharaoh, at that time, he tried to kill all the babies because

He actually killed all the babies. He wanted to kill Moses.

We saw the same with Jesus because Moses is, of course, the picture of Jesus. But Jesus and His parents, actually, needed to flee to Egypt, to come away so He will not be killed.

Satan hate us. Satan hate people when they get born again.

And therefore there is an extra attack in the beginning.

And therefore there is an extra attack in the beginning. And I was under a lot of spiritual attack when I got born again.

And there was time the first I would say the first three four

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months.

where I was close to fall away again, and again, and again.

It was hard.

It was hard when I came home, I came back to my old friends in school

and they wanted to go and drink and I was like:

Yeah, it's wrong, but I did not say... Okay, I want to go and drink with you.

Oh no, I don't want to drink, but...

It was hard. There was a battle going on.

And I made mistakes because I was still a baby.

I was infant, I was unskilled in righteousness.

What did I need in my life?

I needed people who could counsel me.

I needed people who could help me.

I needed people who could pray with me,

who could pray for me.

And I remember that. I remember in a church we had some years ago.

We saw three young people come to Christ.

And they came into our fellowship.

And after a short time in our fellowship, after a month or two, suddenly they all disappeared... Fi! They are all gone again.

And we are like: Where are they?

They just disappeared.

And me and my friend, we came together and said: No, lets pray for them.

Satan is a liar. He is not going to win this time.

So we took authority in the Spirit and we prayed.

And we commanded Satan to leave them right now in the name of Jesus.

We are praying for those young people, we are praying that Satan

is going to leave them, that what God have started is going to fulfill

and every attack is going to go, and we were praying and

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praying and praying
for those young people.

That evening we had a house meeting in our living room, house,

and somebody knocked the door and I opened the door
and it was one of them.

And I was like: Hi, it's so good to see you again.

Like, I was surprised he was here and I said:

You know we have a meeting tonight. And he said like:

No, I just knew I needed to come.

Okay, come in.

Five minutes later, the knock on the door again.

I opened. It was the other boy.

Hi! Yeah, I just felt so strong I needed to come tonight.

Okay, come in. Five minutes later, the third boy,

All three came. Have not talked with each other.

did not know that it was a meeting,
but all three at the same moment just felt they needed to
come.

And they have all three been on the big, big, big attack.
Satan have just come with guilt, with doubt, with fear,
and they were on the attack.

We who are strong need to carry their burdens.

We who are strong need to help them.

We who know God we need to pray them through.

We need to be with them. We need to be better to take care of them.

Don't give up when they are struggling, because they are struggling.

They are going to struggle again and again.

So, they are still babies. They are still young.

They need a lot of time. They need a time to grow.

They need that we don't depend too much on them.

but we give them time to get to know God.

they have no skill in righteousness. They are still falling in sin, they are doing mistakes. They need milk.

They need us to teach them and help them and they are under the attack

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So they need us to pray for them.
Remember that when you work with people.
Then we have the young ones.
The young ones, what we read before - strong and have overcome Satan.
So they have now overcome the first attack,
that time when they have been struggling with Satan being after them,
they have overcome that.
You are not afraid for them anymore that they will suddenly fall away today
or tomorrow or next week. Why? Because they have overcome that first...
lets say - level of being a baby. They are now young one.
They have overcome that.
So, they are strong and have overcome Satan.
They can now handle solid food.
You can go deeper with them. You can explain more.
They can read the Bible themselves in the better way.
They can understand what they read.
So, instead of just giving them teaching and teaching and teaching and teaching,
you can say: Hey, try to read this. Go home and read this.
Read Romans, chapter this and this and then, what do you read?
So, you can, instead of just teach them to do everything,
you can give them the word and they can eat the word themselves.
They are now learning to grow spiritually
and they are more dependent on God and less on you.
And I would say, like a baby, a baby needs to...
It's okay to teach the baby that they are dependent on you.
They are still babies. They need you.
They need mature people around them.
But now, when they grow up and become younger,
the older they become, the less dependent they become on you

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and the more dependent they become on God. And this is how it is in the natural. David, our grandson, he's totally dependent on his mom and dad, but mom and dad are not so dependent on me and my wife Lene, because they have grown up. So, there are those different things. Then we have fathers. And I would say with kids, young kids - train them, give them action, take them out, do something crazy with them. I think this is... really take them out on a mission trip. Take them in a car, take them out on a mission. Take them backpacking. Go out in the world and experience things where they really learn and grow. I am going to come much more into that in the next lesson where I am going to talk about how we do church. Then we have fathers. They can use their senses. They are really mature when it comes to right and wrong. They can discern good from evil. They know God. They know the big picture. They have learned a lot. And now they are getting their own children. People look up to them. They have the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith. We need that. We need fathers. We don't need a lot of leaders in the sense of the way we do church today as an institution where the leader come and speak and then he goes home. We need fathers. We need people who have overcome Satan, who are strong in the faith, who see the big picture,

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who are filled with love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith.

Because they... to have fathers around, then the children, young children have somebody to look up to.

So, I hope this make sense.

I know that there was a lot of scripture and lot of things, but it's really important introduction to some of the things I'm going to share later.

So, like we said last time, in a fellowship, we need to understand where that fellowship is.

We need to understand if this is a fellowship without the spiritual children,

then they need a evangelist to come in and help them to get spiritual children.

But we also need to know if it is a fellowship with lot of babies.

Then we need somebody who can come and give them milk.

If you have babies, don't run out on the street to find new babies

and let those babies you have already lay and suffer.

Then take care of those babies you have.

If there is people with children, then we need people to push them out

and let them to be less dependent on you, more dependent on God

and grow up, so those children can be mature and become fathers.

Every fellowship have some of those levels.

You are on one of those levels.

And I think, if we start to get this in - in our understanding, we would be better in discipleship,

because we don't give milk to young men who will not grow.

We don't give beef to small babies who will die of it

and we don't try to disciple people and give up

because they don't have the fruit of it.

So, I hope it make sense. So, just a short ending.

If we meet people and disciple people who don't have

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those fruits -

help them with the gospel. Sit down with them.

Introduce the gospel again. Lead them to a true repentance

and true baptism and true Holy Spirit. Lead them through that

because then they will have that fruit.

Then they will now have the hunger for the Word of God, the hunger for the righteousness and love for the fellowship.

But when people then are babies, give them milk, help them,

be patient with them, love them, introduce them to the Word of God,

but not just say: Go home and read that.

Read the Word of God with them. Explain the Word of God.

Explain so that they understand it.

You have to feed them. They cannot feed themselves.

And you need to give them the time to grow.

You don't demand the same from a baby as from a young man.

And with young men, they need to action.

They need help. You don't teach them and explain them everything

like they are babies. You give them the Word and say:

'Go and read that.' You help them to be more dependent on God

and less on you. And you help them to grow up where they become

fathers in the faith and get their own children.

So, it was what I wanted to speak about this time.

The next lesson I will try to put it together and be more practical

and come with examples of what you can do

when you are there, what you can do, how you can meet,
how you can bring people together

and how you can set fellowships up like this.

God bless you!

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And if you did not see the last lesson, 25, see that, and then we will be back soon with 27. God bless you!

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