



Chapter 8

Reflections to Journal and Share

- God's timetable for remaking us is seldom our timetable. If it was up to us, we would never be quite ready to go on the next offensive with Him. Have you experienced this?
- God's plan to remake our paradigms so we can better understand the nature and character of the Kingdom of God does not necessarily come at convenient times in our lives. Any examples of how He has remade some of your paradigms?
- Have there been times when you waited too long to bring your problems/dilemmas/crises to Jesus? What caused that to happen? What transpired after you did bring them to Jesus?
- God does not give up on a disciple just because he or she fails a significant faith test. Can you personally relate to God's graciousness in that way?
- Do our Western notions (paradigms) of democracy and democratic ideals, e.g., voting and consensus, help or hinder our corporate/personal understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and how disciples are made in the Kingdom of God? Have you ever reflected on what's elective, voluntary, or discretionary in the Kingdom of God and what isn't? Does this challenge you?
- What thought(s) challenged you in this encounter? What is God's Spirit whispering to you? What action is He prompting you to take?