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Episode 206
Don't Go It Alone, Go with a Haver
Lois Tverberg

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Chandalee

Welcome back. Last week's conversation with lowest of Furberg, author of *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus*, was a good start to looking at the differences in the Eastern versus Western interpretations of being Talmudic. Today, we continue the conversation and look at what I have or I have a premise lean in and enjoy.

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Lois

A disciple in an eastern way. It's not just about information. It's about transformation.

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Jenn

Yes. One of the paragraphs in your book about this, I underlined it, said, An eastern view of discipleship seems far more in keeping with the gospel. The Eastern view encompasses the understanding that Jesus died for our sins and that belonging to Him involves repenting and receiving Him as Lord. But it also recognizes that Jesus lived transparently in front of His disciples in order to teach them how to live.

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Jenn

That's exactly what you're saying, that it was Jesus demonstrated how to live by not just saying, but also doing. And His disciples learned from that.

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Lois

Amen. Yeah.

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Chandalee

And that gives us a perfect example of how to live out discipleship in our lives. It isn't a solitary. I'm going to go. Yes, we do need times of solitude alone. We've got ourselves. But it's not all about that. It's about living life in community together. Because we learn together. You teach us something and we teach you something.

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Chandalee

And. And we go back and forth and keep learning and sharpening each other to string another pearl together from Scripture.

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Lois

That's right. And it's it's almost sometimes it's kind of painful in that even when you're at your worst, you're discipling others to be. You know, if you're a parent when you're angry and crabby and you had a bad day and you're your kids learn faster than anything else. Yeah, because they're watching you all the time. Yes, absolutely. They say both parents know what it's like to raise kids.

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Lois

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They're their little disciples. Yes. I'm not a parent. I don't have kids. But I hear about it and I was a kid at one time. So.

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Chandalee

Yes, yes. Somebody is always.

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Jenn

Watching. Yes.

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Chandalee

Somebody is.

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Lois

Moderating.

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Chandalee

You have something you were going to say?

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Jenn

Well, the one other part of that paragraph that I think sums it up, as you said, this approach involves not just information, but transformation. And I thought that was very concise and made such good sense as far as how to understand the difference.

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Chandalee

In discipleship in this process. It's important that we have a community, a group that we are participating in. What's the term for that? Having a group of students together.

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Lois

There's actually a very well-known saying it's get yourself a teacher, a rabbi and see and get yourself there. And that's a friend, not just a friend, but actually it's talking about a friend in study. And so one have there is one friend. If it's a woman friend, she's a have a rabbi. If it's if it's a bunch of friends and there's one guy involved, it's overeem.

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Lois

Mm hmm. If there are any guys involved, then it's Hover wrote.

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Chandalee

So, yeah, there's. There's those changes from male to female, masculine to feminine in the language. Always through me, when I'm. When I'm studying those, I have to remember that going through and I'm done.

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Lois
Oat M.A. Yes. Yeah.

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Chandalee
So Matthew 20 tells us where two or three come together in my name. There I am with them. And that's kind of giving us this perspective of the have a dream when we we need that community. We need those friends to study because we we don't know everything ourselves. We're never going to know everything ourselves. It takes a village, is the phrase today to raise kids, but it also takes a village in our faith.

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Chandalee
Walk.

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Lois
Yeah, that's right. People don't realize I mean, it's also part of our Western Greco-Roman idea is that I learn by going into my brain and thinking my thoughts all alone. I go alone with God and he transmutes all his thoughts into your brain. And I don't need anything else. And my response is, yeah, why don't you get out your Bible in its original language, or at least Genesis in Hebrew, and let's see you sit there until the Lord tells you what it says in Hebrew.

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Lois
Oh, oh, I guess I have to learn from other people. I mean, you study with other people. We learn as a community instead of as individuals. It's too bad that people think that they must hide out. And it makes you find foolish teachers and extreme ideas. And that's part of why community is so important. If a person rejects community, it's because they're they are not going to submit themselves to the beliefs of others.

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Lois
And they think somehow they're more special than everybody else, that only God will God will talk to them in a way he won't talk to anybody else. So yeah.

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Chandalee
Let's list out some benefits and some pitfalls, some benefits of having a have a dream and some pitfalls of not being involved in community, things that you have seen honestly.

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Lois
One way I liken it is that when you have a hovering a friend and study, it makes you just it's kind of like I have a friend, Elizabeth, who I go walking with and it makes me get up early in the morning and I put my shoes on and you walk longer and farther and you push harder because you have somebody who's interacting with you right?

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Lois

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You get that sense in your you you can you have complementary insights that help each other. And, you know, when you're all by yourself, you say, what? I get it. I totally understand. It's when you start talking with other people, like, oh, but what about this? What about that? But on the other hand. On the other hand, that is where you learn the best.

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Lois

So that that's the good things about it.

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Lois

I would say, unfor, there's this tendency among people when they get interested in a specialized subject like this is they become kind of eggheads like me and, and there are sometimes there are groups that will say, okay, just drop out of your church because they don't know what you do. And people will wander into, well, now the Internet will will bring you all sorts of crazy stuff.

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Lois

And the best possible answer to that is to spend more time actually bringing your your hovering with you. If you're going to study a book, you do it with a bunch of friends that are at your end. And so that they can say, well, what about that? I'm not sure we should be. I don't know. I think that's more safe way.

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Lois

I think people with that tend to drop out, tend to find they don't realize that they are wandering in areas that people sometimes are not wise about, especially about Jewish context. Jesus. Yeah.

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Jenn

It sounds like hovering provides a natural accountability, like there's accountability that comes about as a part of being in a job. A rumor? Yeah. Is that how you would say it? Being in a having?

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Lois

I don't know. Yeah, I guess so. Bible study or I would say a friend and study. You have some friends and study. One thing is that you need to be not totally shy or terrified of saying something wrong or disagreeing with each other, which was a thing that is I come from people who just hate to disagree about anything.

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Lois

We're so terrified and we're it's really easy for us to say, you're a heretic. You question this so you're a heretic. Well, you know what? Nobody learns anything if you can't just ask questions. And so you have to kind of learn to cut people's slack and but yet be willing to accept, you know, oh, I might be wrong.

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Lois

Oh, I was wrong. Good. I'm glad, because now I'm not so wrong. Good wrongness is a good thing because you can fix that.

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Jenn

Right? Well, I mean, isn't that one of the biggest markers of a good disciple or Tom and Dean that you ask a lot of questions? Isn't that something that you should be doing as a student?

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Lois

I'm in. Yes, exactly. Mm hmm.

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Chandalee

Well, we see in scripture in your book, you point out where in Scripture Jesus never sent his disciples alone. He sent them out with a friend to learn, to study, to grow. So if he did that, if he sent his his own disciples out, why would we not do that for ourselves? Why would we intentionally draw into ourselves and say, this is it, I'm just going to be in solitude with Jesus?

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Chandalee

I don't need anybody else. That's it.

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Lois

That's me and Jesus. Yeah, that's right. You know, it's ironically, you can be a part of it was when they're traveling from town to town, you know. But you don't travel alone, right? You can be attacked by robbers. You can trip and break your leg. You don't travel alone. Mm hmm. And and in the same way I would say, if you're studying your Jewish context, you shouldn't travel alone.

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Lois

Right. Because you can fall into some weird pitfall. Yes.

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Chandalee

And I have read quite a few weird pitfalls over the past.

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Lois

Yeah. Not just. I mean, any I should say. I wouldn't say it's only about this. Any time you're studying your Bible and about things that people feel passionately about and since they invented the Internet, which ironically really we Internet wasn't really that around when I wrote my book in oh nine, that was before Facebook came to know about it.

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Lois

But nowadays there's more robbers and along the pitfalls than there ever were that are out there. So you need to bring some friends with you. Yeah.

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Chandalee
Absolutely.

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Jenn
Definitely.

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Lois
Yeah.

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Chandalee
Jen, do you have any more questions?

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Jenn
Well, one of the things that I'm interested in, even in the title of your book, *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus*, one of the stories in the Bible that comes to my mind is about Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus. And so would you have thought of Mary as a disciple back and like, would she have been part of and not in this, maybe the sense of the disciple, the 12 disciples I'm talking about, but she was a learner, so.

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Jenn
Right.

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Lois
Right. In the Book of Acts, Dorcas is called a Thomas. She's a *math patria* in Greek, which would be a tummy dei. And it talks about the followers of the way, you know, the early followers of Christ. They were all they called themselves disciples, you know, including the women. And so yeah, well, I would say, according to *Axia*, you can say that even though Yeah.

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Lois
They weren't in the 12, but they were obviously they may have been kind of well, certainly there were the women who were supporting him.

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Jenn
Joanna. Susanna.

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Lois
Joanna. Yeah, exactly. And so he had in the in the mirror and Martha, who, you know, Jesus knew whose friends were, that he would come to visit them whenever he was in town and he stayed there at their place. So that was how it was done. Yes.

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Jenn

Okay. Thank you.

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Lois

Mm hmm. Hmm.

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Chandalee

Well, we could spend much, much more time. Your book has so much more information on living out as a town mead or a Camilla of Jesus. But we don't want to give everything away because we want people to read the book and to learn it for themselves. My dad always taught us growing up to go look it up.

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Chandalee

It didn't give me answers, ever. I never received an answer. I always had to go to the library and use the card catalog and find it or an encyclopedia to find answers to things. And so we want to encourage that with with believers today. So we're not going to give you all the answers. You can't have everything we want you to to learn to dig into study of how to be a disciple on your own.

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Chandalee

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Jenn

Friend, get your friend to do that. Just they were talking about it.

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Chandalee

Yes, it's true. This book I've got one of our small groups actually is going through this right now. She called me about a month a half ago and said, okay, I've got a list of books here and these are the ones we're thinking of. And this was about, I don't know, a third on their last or fourth that they'd given it to me in alphabetical order.

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Chandalee

And I was like, Pick that one. That's the one you need to go through. And so they've been going through it and they are loving it. They are getting illuminations of the original meanings and interpretations of some passages that they were like, I never knew. That's what it meant. So that's the process of being told Redeem the you're digging in and learning and studying and growing and we just appreciate you so much for putting this two pin pen to paper for us.

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Chandalee

We've got several other books that you have got available. Listening to the language of the Bible, walking in the dust of the Rabbi Jesus, and reading the Bible with Rabbi Jesus. And I've read all of them and they are fabulous.

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Lois

Yes. Oh, yes, yes, yes. The other side up. They'll be even better walking. This one is this one. People are like, it's all the same book. Just read it over and over. No, it's not even it's really hard to make it so that they're not like overlapping. But this one is about the Jewish words of Jesus. But stuff he says that doesn't really quite make sense until you know what it's I mean, there's a little bit of this in here, obviously, but it's not.

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Lois

It is. It goes way beyond that and does new things. And then my my other one sorry little book, got to do a little promotion lately. But honestly, I say I'm not it's not a seller. Well, it's it's I feel like.

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Chandalee

It's an equipping it's providing tools.

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Lois

That's great. But I mean, that's right. I feel like I'm selling vitamins for your faith. And so I don't feel like you need these because really, they really help you get that right. Like 99.9% of people who sell junk, they sell it to make money. Right. I'm doing it because you need them. So anyhow, so my and then my last one is about the the how can I put it obviously reading the Bible with Rabbi Jesus understanding, it's a little broader.

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Lois

It's about understanding the Bible in its Eastern clothing context. It's understanding how us Westerners are just like, I don't quite get that. And it really does focus in it towards the end. And Jesus, it spends a lot of time talking about what we were saying about the string of pearls and the incredible memory that they had, to the point where I would say, ironically, there are there have been and there's oh, there are many still scholars who write all these books about, oh, no, Jesus never claimed to be the Messiah.

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Lois

Yeah. If you don't ever know any of his hits, he didn't. It's when you hear him and you start looking at all the scriptures that he's quoting that you are, if a person doesn't do that, they get absolutely the wrong impression. And that's what a lot of scholars do. And I'm embarrassed for how stupid that is. But it Christians have been there have been some churches who say, Oh, we're only a New Testament church.

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Lois

We don't like that Old Testament. Yeah, but Jesus loved his death.

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Chandalee

Yeah, yeah. He's all the way through the Old Testament. Yes.

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Lois

Yeah, that's right. He's right there.

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Chandalee

Yeah. Yeah.

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Lois

So he things you need and I should say if you do want to, if I can say that I actually sell these out of my own little website and office and that supports my writing rate. So people are interested and they want to read new things that I'm writing. And my website is our rabbi. Jesus Dot com and just put your name and my email list or and or the Facebook kinds of things.

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Chandalee

So I love getting your newsletter. I love the new things that you write. Yes. So our like, oh, you are.

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Jenn

Rabbi Jesus dot com. Okay, wonderful.

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Chandalee

Yeah. So. Well, thank you, Lois. We just appreciate you spending some time with us talking through being Talmudic and how we live that out in our Western world today.

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Jenn

So thank you.

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Chandalee

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