

GETTING THE WORD OUT
Matthew 10:5-42

Intro: tough words, 'paraggellein', 4spl usages: military command, friends to help, teacher/philo rules and precepts, imperial command from King.

1. Go and **begin** where you are, start at **home**, v5-6

Why?

1. Jews, 1st offer
2. Twelve not equipped
3. Limit objectives

2. Go **share** the simple message, v7

The Kingdom of God is near...intriguing message that invites engaging conversation. Sharing message is about experiencing the will of God....first in Christ.

3. Go meet **people** at their pain, v7-8

Physical concern...give what you have yourself received...conversion, your story, prayerful involvement.

4. Go in faith; trust God for **provision**. v9-10

Journey of faith, trusting the Lord, "Wealth and honor come from you..." 1 Chron. 29:12

5. Go **boldly**, v11-31

5 Reasons to go this way:

1. We have **news** which will save people's lives, v15, if they don't want it, judgment will follow.
2. We will be given what to **say**, v16-20
3. We have much **ground** to cover, v21-23...until Jesus returns.
4. We will share the very same Christ **experienced**, v24-25...Remember Phil 3:10 (the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings)
ILL. After the siege in Rome, 1849, Garibaldi
5. We are not to **fear**, v26-31 (3times)

a. The Truth will triumph. Andrew Melville, when threatened to be hanged or exiled, "You cannot hang or exile the truth"
 'Lattimer, when preaching had Henry the king present and knew he was about to say something king would not like, he soliquised aloud, "Latimer, Latimer, Latimer, 'be careful what you say. Henry, the king is here' 'Latimer, Latimer, Latimer, be careful what you say, the King of Kings is here!"...

b. Physical death is not to be feared, only spiritual death... John Knox, as they buried him, "Here lies one who feared God so much he never feared the face of any man."

6. Go with **eyes** open expecting.

1. A public declaration, v32-33. Jesus is Lord, Pliny to Roman emperor, Trajan, confessed his helplessness to shake the loyalty of those who were really Christians.

Told of JP Mahaffy, famous scholar and man of the world from Trinity College, Dublin that when he was asked if he were a Christian, his answer was, "Yes, but not offensively so." Today we applaud that, fearful of rejection, more concerned about being liked and inviting to people...

2. Possible family conflict, v34-38...taking one's cross of self-denial is not going to be easy, when it involves holding one's tongue at home.

3. Promised possessions, v39-42. Jesus promised a cross, what people give to someone who represents God.

7. Go **represent** Christ, v40-42

Regardless if it's hard...live for Jesus, eternity...not this life. If you give up any pleasure or privilege, not for legalistic approval, but for your impact on the lives of others for the cause of Christ.