Title: The Great Co-Mission

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Topic Sentence: Being a disciple is one thing, Making disciples is quite another. Jesus mentioned that making disciples requires authority in heaven and in earth. He has co-missioned every believer with His authority to make disciples.

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here's what I thought I was I was having a discussion um yesterday with Samuel Mclaughlin he was staying at our house and um I said Sam we're gonna watch Sam Samson the movie Samson on pure flicks and so we looked it up and his first response was oh Samsung I love that company he'll get me a cellphone I'm like no dude Samsung Sam so I can't even say it now Samsung and and so we laughed about that for a minute and we watched the movie and um he was like and and was showing desert parts and hot deserty Middle East scenes and he said does it snow in Israel I'm like oh ves it does and as soon as I said oh yes it does I heard the phrase and Benaya killed a lion in a pit on a snowy day and I was like oh Lord what are you saying to me and I'm having the side conversation with Samsung and um he is and God begins to speak to me about um the lion in a pit on a snowy day and then we get here for prayer this morning and we're talking about the snow and how uh it insulates and you know makes quiet and it's beautiful and all of those things that snow does and I start to hear the Lord again say yeah but Benaya killed a lion in a pit on a snowy day and I'm like okay Lord

so outside of just the beauty and the quiet and

all that happens and kind of makes you just wanna cuddle up and cozy up next to a fire um God's also um destroying all of the things that would try to hinder us and I saw the enemy prowling around like a lion seeking whom he may devour

and even on a snowy day where it seems peaceful

that it's the peace of god

that crushes Satan under our feet

and I just felt like

the Lord just wanted me to pray into that and say hey listen if there's anybody that's just believing for God

to break in

and come after

the things that have been coming after you

um today's a perfect day for that

and so he's so awesome

cause he likes to shift things up

and just do awesome stuff on a snowy

quiet next to the fire day

so do you mind if we pray into some things

and here's how I wanna go after

and I just sort of want you to be audacious

enough to believe the Lord for it

and that is that if there's been anything that you feel

that is just been chasing you down

just relentless in coming after your confidence

your faith in God

your thought of his faith in you

all of those things where you just feel like gosh

there's been a relentless attack

and I need Benaya to show up for

and anything about Benaya is the name

means Jehovah has built

and God's building something in your life

and building you into something great

and sometimes

we just need God to show up

and what he's built in us

to show up and to destroy the devour

so if that's you

and you just need him to destroy the devour today

would you just stand up

or if you're online

say that's me

I'm in for that

and I just want to pray over you

oh yes

thank you Lord

father we just come before you with a tenacity of faith knowing god that you are the god who is full of peace and yet the paradox of the peace of god that crushes the enemy under our feet

and so God right now

in this room and all those watching online

we just say Lord

those who are standing with us in the spirit

would you be released right now

we have faith for that

that you would destroy the enemy

that you would stand up as Ilion the god

the mighty one

and that you would destroy

the devil who seeks and to devour your people

God I ask right now in the name of the Lord

that there would be breakthrough

there would be peace

there would be power father

I'm not just asking that you would win their battles

but literally that you would destroy the enemy

destroy the enemy God

god we have faith for this

and we just pray right now

whether it be finances

relationships

god healing

physical healing

all the breakthrough that's

oh God that you would break in and God

this very quiet day

snowy day that Jehovah

what you have built in us would be released right now

father the vision

the dreams that you've given us

and god we just continue to hold on

we hold on to enough tenacity

god and faith to say oh god

what you have promised you will fulfill

and so God we just thank you

we just thank you right here right now

that heaven is released on our behalf

that heaven is released on our behalf right now

I'm just seeing um

the Lord pulling things up by the route

and the Lord just saying

I am once and for all tearing this thing up by the root

and so father

I just thank you for that

I just thank you Lord

that by your sovereignty

these things come up

all of the things that have been plaguing your people

God we just got faith for that right now

that you can put an end to that

god I've seen people get out of a wheelchair in one day

and I've seen them get out of a wheelchair

after 20 30 years

and so father

I just thank you that you hear our prayers

and I thank you that today

is the right day to believe you

that what you built in our lives you

will go after the devourer in every way in Jesus name

amen amen you say amen to that yeah

I'm super excited about um

talking to you about the Great Commission

and just what that looks like for us in this season

Eagle Mountain

I've got so many great

things that are swirling up in me

some things that are

coming to life that once were alive

and some brand

new things that I've never even thought of

regarding the Great Commission

and I've Learned over the years to sort of

tell when it's just my ideas and

and hope and all of those things

which are great

and then the difference between that

and what the Lord is saying to do as a mandate

and I just wanna go over some thoughts with you today

um regarding the Great Commission

now last week

we talked about being a disciple

and that's amazing um

importance of being a disciple

and knowing that every day

you're spending your life as a disciple of Christ

many Christians don't even have a clue

that being a Christian actually means

being a disciple of Jesus every day

but the power of the reality of wow

are you being discipled by Jesus

yes I'm being discipled by him everyday

I'm one of his disciples

just sort of saying that over yourself puts a reality

to what he's doing in your life right now

you are being discipled

now there's a difference though

between being discipled and making disciples

isn't there

and the Great Commission

we call it a commission

because we have a commission with Jesus on this planet

is to go and make disciples

it is the Great Commission

and so what does it mean to not just be a disciple

but to make disciples and make disciples for Christ

so I wanna show you a quick video

about making disciples or maybe what it's not

let's go there

when I was a kid

we used to play this game called Simon Says Right

most of us have played that unless you're really young

there's no app for it Simon says is you know

you just Simon says Pat your head you know

so okay you know

Simon said it

um it's just it was very simple game

but it's so weird how in the church

Jesus says is a totally different game

if Jesus says something

you don't have to do it

you just have to memorize it

you study it

you memorize you guys

it doesn't make any sense a lot of things we do

we tell us to go out and make disciples

and how many people in

our churches are actually making disciples

they memorized it

you know I tell my daughter

hey rich go clean your room

she doesn't come back to me two hours there and go

I memorize what you said

you said Rach go clean your room I can say it in Greek

my friends are gonna

come over and we're gonna have a study

on what it would look like if I clean my room

she knows better than that

and so why do we think we're gonna come before

the judge one day and quote everything that he said

and talk about how much we know

it's just it's just this black and white stuff

if I just started with scripture

I'd go here's what I would do

I'll start making disciples

so making disciples is different than making converts

isn't it I mean

you got to start somewhere

so making converts is very biblical

but making disciples

is never ending

you don't just make a disciple and then you stop

making disciples

will never stop being a disciple of Jesus

that means he's always making disciples and again our thought of making disciples is often

usually getting people saved

and that's not the definition of making disciples

making disciples is actually pouring into

the growth and maturity of the people he saved

and so what does that look like

I mean on a real regular basis

like some people you're actually mentoring

other people just need an encouragement

for you to speak into what God's doing

and that you're helping Jesus make them into a disciple

he didn't call us just to have friends

friends are great

but he called us to make disciples

so what are we doing

to pour into the growth of someone else

like it's not just something I say

like a broken record from this pulpit

it's actually a call from Jesus to make disciples

and every time you speak into encourage

challenge one another

you're actually building

on the disciple that Jesus is making

does that make sense

yes it's good for you to spend time and

get that person next to you that you're building in

do but don't just limit that to one or two people

understand that we're making disciples

every time we encourage someone to get over their fear

perhaps trust in the Lord

perhaps all the things that we sort of discount

as being Christianese

and we stop doing them

and we just hang out

there's a limitation to

the relationships that are built for a connection only

I love that

and I love doing nothing with people

or having fun with people and having no agenda

I love that

but I also know

that greater than that is the Great Commission

whose life are you pouring into

and every one of you can do it

the Bible starts very clearly and just says listen

just comfort people

with the comfort with which you've been comforted

and if you're going through it right now

and you're holding on to the cross

it's the perfect time to encourage someone else

like don't wait till you're over it

like really encourage people with the same comfort you're being comforted with

like you're there now

you'll never be qualified to make disciples

your life is supposed

to be center stage for making disciples

like literally

one of the best ways to make disciples is to be

out loud about what you're going through

and let people watch you

follow Jesus

don't hide it don't wait till you're better

I know it's easy to sort of when we get asked hey

how you doing good

I mean the quick you know

Christian is good being interpreted

you're lying through your teeth

I mean we just go there

and I'm not saying that you should pour

out everything to everyone and every conversation

but I am saying

it's okay to take 30 seconds and say gosh

it's not easy right now

but I'm trusted in the Lord

that there's something to that little 10 second

one liner that does something to someone

else to help them in their journey

it's just the reality of honesty

and it's the reality of gosh

I'm I'm trusting the Lord or I'm

I'm doing more than hanging in there and I'm

I'm just really in the word right now

or this verse is standing out to me

something that helps people to understand they too

are not alone

and there's just a vulnerability that we get

in opportunities when people get to see our lives

and I think it's super important

for us to remember that

now if you have your bibles

turn to Matthew 28

cause I wanna go over the

portion of scripture there for the Great Commission

so Matthew 28

and verse 18 through 20

I don't wanna start with this reality

of authority

and again Matthew 28

verse 18 begins this way

and Jesus came up and spoke to them

meaning his disciple

saying all authority

in heaven and on earth has been given to me go therefore

let's just stop therefore

every time you see the word therefore

you need to stop and ask what is there for

he just said all authority in heaven and on earth

somebody say in heaven and on earth

now that is super important to understand

the Great Commission

the authority of god in heaven and on earth

and there's a therefore

so all authority in heaven

on earth has been given to me

go therefore

and make disciples of all nations

baptizing them in the name of the father

the son and the Holy Spirit

let me stop right there

it doesn't just say

go and make disciples in all nations

some of the translations say that

but the actual original says of all nations

and so it doesn't mean that though

that you have to travel to a foreign country

to make disciple

does that make sense

it doesn't mean you have to become a missionary

and go to a foreign country to make disciples cause hey

I'm doing it

of all nations

I mean that's awesome

and if the Lord calls you to go anywhere

to make a disciple

it's an honor

but remember the word nations there

is actually the word ethnos

where we get ethnicity

and it's of all people groups

not of geographic nations only

you can't limit it to going to Zimbabwe and go huh

we're making disciples there

it's of all ethnos

of all people groups

there is not one color or Creed on the planet

who god is not wanting to make disciples of

it challenges racism

it challenges all our privilege

it challenges all of that to go and make disciples in

it puts us all on the plane of being disciples of Jesus

if we care to go make disciples

and so that's what God's doing

follow me into the harvest field

and let's go make disciples um I love all people and I'm not afraid of color or anything like that difference I love it I love to

but I grew up around a lot of Spanish speaking people

and that was just my life

God just wired me that way

um all the my friends were Mexicans in California and I

that's exactly why I love Mexican food

I mean you can

we can go seven days a week

and I will get my enchiladas

and um I just love their culture

um I took um

Spanish in school and just because I wanted to um

learn more than the cuss words that I

was learning around my friends at the time and I

I just fell in love with Spanish speaking people

and I think that there's times in our lives

like that doesn't matter what um

what language um

that there are times in our lives that will have um

a desire to learn a certain language

or we'll just love a certain country

we'll start looking at pictures and go ah

I could just go to Italy or

or whatever and I would just pay attention

to those things that God starts to stir up in you

I would just

more than just plan your vacation to go get away

I would just start praying into the ethnos

I would start praying into the people group and go God

what are you doing outside of me

uh going on vacation

I mean there's nothing wrong with having fun

and going on vacation for sure but Lord

are you doing something in me that's deeper than oh um

maybe I'm gonna go on a trip

and if you start

giving way to that and just asking the Lord to

bless that nation and begin to pray over it

that maybe it is just a vacation but

either way God will have started

doing something in you regarding that nation

and sometimes it's just the ethnos

as I mention

all the start praying for um

my neighbor Ruby

I got to meet him yesterday

we have some new neighbors on one side

we're all out

you know snowing

snow plowing and you know

we're going down and I've got Sam and Sawyer helping me

and I'm like

when we do snow plowing

we hit the neighbors on both sides so

don't get frostbite

I'll see you in 15 minutes

and so we're going now

and I'm shoveling and they're doing the snow blower

and we're taking care of

of the neighbors

and sure enough

my neighbor

he comes over and I could tell he's total Mexican

and I'm like

I love this guy already

and I'm just excited about the possibility of um

that relationship

and I just am like

not wanting these moments to pass me by

in making disciple

Lord what are you doing

some people

don't even know they're about to become a disciple

they don't even know

their lives are actually being chiseled by God

they're like pre disciples and don't even know it

cause he's leading all of his children

we're all his children

and so I'm super excited to be a part of that process

for someone

and I've Learned that

the quicker I can hook up with it in one

one small way or another sometimes

I'm the person who just sees them in a grocery store

and never sees them again

maybe I'm the person who sees them in a grocery store

and I won't see them again for six months

I'm just trying to be aware of those moments

um that God sang something and he doesn't want me to

pass it by or overlook it

if I'm not used to the commission

I'll overlook it

if I'm not thinking great commission

like that's the great commission is to make disciples

oh Lord I thought the Great Commission was to

um you know

provide for my family or do my job or whatever

people so often take those things

prior to the Great Commission and um

I just wouldn't live that way

it's just not biblical

family's important

friends are important

but you're on this planet for the Great Commission

you will stand before the Lord

so people say well Bobby

shouldn't my family be the first great commission

I think so I think that that's great

but if that's a cop out

for not going and speaking into people's lives

don't do it

make sure that you're speaking into your family's lives

but you're not being limited to that

see what God's doing in people and encourage them

strengthen them

lift them up

one word fitly spoken

can be like apples of gold and settings of silver

the Bible says

we're starting Psalm 24 in 20:24

and here's how it starts

much like Matthew 28 where the Lord says

all authority in heaven and earth has been given to me

therefore go and make disciples

Psalm 24 says this

the earth is the lord's and all it contains right

all authority in heaven and earth has been given to me

well the earth belongs to god and all it contains

the world and those who dwell in it

so the earth the globe

the world and all

those who dwell in it

that is the earth is the lord's

that's God's interested in what he's made

but and all those who dwell in it

means God is interested in who he has made

not just what he has made

but who he has made

I mean God wants his family back

can you say amen to that

that's what he's doing that's the

the why behind the Great Commission is

I want my family back

and I'm restoring what Adam had lost

I'm restoring what sin has separated me from my family

god would say

and I'm coming to restore that

and he's intentionally doing that

and we get to partner with Jesus in restoring

to get God's family back

that's what it means to walk in a great co

mission with Jesus

the earth is the lord's

and all it contains the world and those who dwell in it for you found it upon the seas and established it on the river so who may ascend the hill of the Lord and who may stand in his holy place so we're not just ascending we're learning to stand in that place we're learning to live an ascended lifestyle and I think part of learning to ascend and live and stand in that place not just to send but stand in that place is learning the Great Commission there's a reason why we're ascending and we're ascending not just for personal reasons we can't be satisfied getting at the to the top of the mountain in the glory of God and going I love it here I mean you can enjoy that first but at some point there's gotta be this hunger and this ache for the people that you love and know to join you there in the presence of God I mean it's become a a Christian cliche for most of us and therefore sometimes we diminish it but I mean that's what everyone needs is the presence of god in our lives don't we I mean that's that's the hinge point for everything we just need the presence I asked the Lord God I wanna carry your presence everywhere I go outside of my house and when people come into my house I want them to experience your presence it's gotta be about your presence there's so many things so many New Year's resolutions things that we're gonna go after and the priority has to be his present who may ascend the hill of the Lord who may stand in his holy place who has clean hands and a pure heart who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood which means accusation and has not sworn deceitfully he shall receive blessing from the Lord now I really believe in all the posturing that we're gonna do this year is to posture yourself for the blessing of the Lord

I really believe that just to go into 2024 with the mindset that god really wants to bless you

let this year will go down in history as

one of the greatest blessings of the Lord upon his body

and that we just have faith for that

we posture ourselves

we walk in it

just walk in that favor

god wants to bless me in all that I do

his promise to Abrahams

I will bless you and make you a blessing

until all families of the world have been blessed

I mean that's a massive promise

and I just feel like the blessing of the Lord

I'm posturing myself for that I'm

making sure people are posturing themselves like that

and the more that I think about that

the more that I get into that

and challenge people to do the same

the more I can tell oh wow

I'm sort of awakening people from this slave mentality

into the blessing of the Lord

verse 5 says this

he shall receive blessing from the Lord

and vindication from god

this is a year of vindication

I know that

I know that

I know that

this is a year of vindication from the Lord

part of your blessing that you will receive from god

is vindication for all that was lost

all that was stolen

God's going after all of that

he'll receive blessing from the Lord

vindication from the god of his salvation

and that vindication is part of you're being saved

vindication is part of you're still being saved

it's you're walking off your salvation

the Bible says this

work out your salvation with fear and trembling

for it's God who works within you

you work out your salvation with fear and trembling

for it's God who works within you

if that's not partnership

I don't know what it is

you work out your salvation

for it's God who works within you

I mean that's partnership

but it is partnership

and that's really what we're doing

and we're helping people work out their salvation

with all wonder and fascination

that's what fear and trembling means

just a reference to the fact that we're all

disciples of Jesus and we wanna just do God's will

God's way we just wanna go out

this is the funnest thing in life

is knowing that I'm a disciple of Jesus

John 10:10 says this

the thief comes to kill

steal and destroy right

but Jesus says

here's why I came

I came so that you would have life

and have it abundantly

we want to know why

if or how Jesus came

that's it John 10:10

often I see 10:10 on the clock and I just quote it

you came to give me life abundantly John 10:10

let me read it to you again

the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy

but I came so that they would have life

and have it abundantly

I mean that's why he came

that's his goal

that's his vision

his goal for you and those around you is abundant life

anything less than abundant life is not why he came

Luke 19:10 says this

for the son of man

has come to seek and save that which was lost

I love when Jesus said that

that's another reason why he came

and he's defining why he came

the son of man has come

to seek and save that which was lost

now when I first used to hear about that

when I became a Christian

seek and save that was lost

oh great so that

let's just go save the lost

but except the Bible here does not say that

the reason why he came was just to seek and save those

who were lost

it says to seek and save that which was lost

like all kinds of things were lost

when Adam and Eve gave away their authority

like he's restoring that which was lost

not just those that were lost

there's all kinds of mindsets and there's all kinds of

royalty that God's bringing us back into

that he is literally saving that which was lost

yes that includes those

but it's not limited to people

he's riding every city

he's riding the atmosphere

he's sending his people in to create culture

he's seeking to save that which was lost

and first John 38

but the son of god came

to destroy the works of the devil

I mean that's Jesus talking about why he came

this is the son of god

this is the reason why he was made manifest

some of the translations say

to destroy the works of the devil

so I came that you would have life and life abundantly

I've come to seek and save that which was lost

and I've come to destroy the works of the devil

I mean that's Benaya in a pit

killing a lion on a snowy day

that's that's a man with intention

that's your God with intention

and the reason why he came

so I just feel like in the time that we have left today

can you put up that slide about

the five things that were going after as a ministry

I just wanna show you guys this graphic

get in front of you as often as we can

and the great commission

you can see there is on the top

and those five things that we're called to focus in on

is that Great Commission

disciple ship

prayer and proclamation

creativity and then resource

and what it looks like to be a resource to people

to a region

to ministries

to individuals

and to each other

and resources means all kinds of things

there are literally bullet points

and probably could be hundreds under each category

but as the Lord has clarified them to us

we've just like Lord

how do we widdle this down into something

that everyone who's a part of this tribe

can be a part of on a regular basis

and make sure that this is a part of our life so

would you bring up the slide about the Great Commission

until everyone knows

a Supernatural Kingdom distributor every day

who wants that anointing

just to distribute

the power of the kingdom every day

that's part of being a disciple

that's part of walking in The Great Commission

is understanding

we are a supernatural kingdom distributor every day 7 a

m that just

for us is language that says hey

there's every sphere of society

there's religion family

economics business

arts and entertainment

on and on government

in every sphere of society

um and they've been broken down

every sphere of society

have been broken down into these seven

concentric circles that make up all of society

as I mentioned

from family

to religion

to government

to arts and entertainment

to business and so on

everyone deserves an encounter with god

now how do we do that

how do we look at the scriptures that say come on

take dominion over the earth

we do it by serving with the heart of the king

serving with the heart of a king

that's how we take dominion is by serving

we go low to go high

that's just how we do it

whose success is on your mind

we have to be serving

anyone who is sort of forgot how to serve um

there's a lot of people I get to counsel with

and I always tell them hey

there's this acronym that God's given me s N s

s N s

and I always sort of go after these uh

this acronym to help people sort of overcome

and get to the next level regarding um

how they commission

uh with Jesus

and I'm always thinking about all right

wait a minute

serving how

whose success is on your mind

cause if you wanna come out and go to the next level

you can't just get there

there are no self made millionaires or billionaires

our footprint is often um

been held up by somebody else as we were climbing

so whose success is on our mind

the next thing is we have to watch out for narcissism

what does that look like

like literally

how are we avoiding narcissism

where it's just all about me and all about my vision

and the things that God has spoken to me about

all that vision is great

but I'm always asking the Lord God

how does my vision serve someone else

and so when I sit down with people

I'm just going hey

I got a couple questions for you

you asked me to help you

how does the vision

for your company serve somebody else

that's all I wanna know

what you mean

like my clients

no outside your clients

how does cause your clients serve your company

they pay you to do what you're doing

so there's a contractual relationship there

I'm talking about relationships beyond

contraction or contract

I'm talking about the relationships

where you're actually just sewing into somebody else

who's that in your life

and often people

have their excuses for not pouring into other people

I don't have time

I'm building my business

all of those types of things

and I just say hey listen

in this new season

if you're going to advance the way you want to

you have to make sure

you are selling into somebody else

just do it I don't care if it's a

and it doesn't have to be like

you know seven days a week

it could just be one person

that you're sowing into every week or once a month

just be intentional

about having someone's success on your mind

now the Great Commission for us is

obviously sometimes leading change

you're part of the Great Commission is to um No. 1

just follow the Lord

No. 1 just walk in who God's called you to be

and then be ready to shine unapologetically

be ready to let people understand the hope

that you carry

The Great Commission is about winning souls as well

and I don't mean winning souls again

just for um

seeing them get saved

or praying with them on the streets

although we're gonna do a lot of that this year

I told you that part of um

what I feel like we need to do is go out

and begin to treasure hunt again

and so I just wanna invite you guys to come and um

we're gonna do that after the um

after the snow melts

the snow apocalypse um

and I just wanna go out on the streets and just

see what the Lord will do and awaken that passion

and I know that that is happening in me

as we ascend

um part of the ascended lifestyle is to understand

wait a minute

the Great Commission happens at the top of the mountain

that's what we're doing

so let me read you this

The Great Commission happens when we make disciples

making disciples happens when we

encourage people to live for Jesus every day

in such a way that confirms their royalty

let me say that again

the Great Commission happens when we make disciples

making disciples happens

when we encourage people to live for Jesus every day

in such a way that confirms their royalty

disciples aren't Christians

who live with Jesus on the fly

or with one foot in light and the other in darkness

or those who think they can love Jesus but not as bride

disciples aren't

Christians who live with Jesus on the fly

or with one foot in light in the other in darkness

or those who think that they can love Jesus

but not love his bride

I'll tell you that that's

in those three things in and of itself is the chiseling

making great disciples

I mean there's so many things that

cause us in those three areas

this is what I like cut and run and the Lords like no

that's the very thing

that's the hard work right there

you stay in the game

stay in the game

I get to talk to a lot of people

and there's a lot of tension that's happening

and often when tensions happens

then relationships start breaking down

marriages are in

and those types of things that I get to talk to people

and I just go hey

in this struggle right now

what's your non negotiable

tell me what's the thing that you will never do

no matter how hard it gets

and for you know

relationships they know I'm pressing against the d word

and I'm like

I wanna hear you say it

I've got mine

Becky knows mine

no matter how hard it gets

here's my non negotiable

I will never

but I wanna hear yours

and I just wait and let the phone go silence

or if I'm sitting in front of them

whatever it is

and I just wait for their non negotiables

I'm like you gotta have a rock

you gotta have an anchor

you gotta have a solid

because I'm not telling you that talking to me

your pastor on the phone

that it's gonna get better tomorrow

my gift to you right now is to help you with an anger

an unmovable non negotiable solid rock

that no matter how hard it gets

you will not cross that thing

and I just want them to say it

and then I say okay

I know that you and your spouse are at odds right now

but I want you to text your spouse

if that's where it's at

I want you to communicate to them right now

no matter how hard it gets

I will never

right now do it now

do it before you chicken out

do it before your anger because

you know whatever

whatever all the separation that happens

do it for friends

do it for business partners

whatever it takes

create your solid and your non negotiables

and I'm telling you that

that's the boots on the ground work of discipleship

no matter how much we disagree

no matter how much I don't like you for a season

no matter how much I

whatever whatever

here's my non negotiable

and just make that with Lord

disciples aren't Christians

who live with Jesus on the fly

or with one foot light and the other in darkness

or those who think that they can love Jesus

but not love his bride

I'm I'm just saying that I believe this year 2024

as we ascend um

the Great Commission is happening while we're ascending

um because I see people coming up with us

I see us getting to the top and going who

it could be lonely up here

if I don't bring a bunch of people with me

I mean who wants that

who wants to get a bunch of people in the glory of God

this year who wants to enter into the Great Commission

and just go come on

let's refuse to go alone

let's refuse to go alone

let's refuse to ascend

who will ascend

and God says

well I actually said it this way

whosoever will ascend

like I've made provision that everyone can come up

everyone can come up

now I get it

there are times when the Lord will say to you

if nobody follows you

you go alone

cause that's what it what it takes Lord

nobody else is following me right now

I know Moses go alone

I called you to go

if nobody follows you go alone

and there are those times in life where the Lord says

you be faithful to what I called you to right

that's that thing

my mom used to say Bobby

if your friend Michael jumped off a bridge

would you do it

Bobby if nobody follows you go alone

they used to say this of leadership

you know you're a great leader if people follow you

I remember the Lord said you know you're a great leader if you obey my voice

like you go alone

if nobody else goes

you go alone

and I'll just do it

I I was telling Becky today

I was like Becky Snow Apocalypse

might just be me and you at church today babe

and I'm like

I'm gonna preach it up

you're gonna like right

you and me all alone

whatever it takes

and we just laugh about it

cause we have that amongst ourselves

like we know that's the culture that we live by

so what does it take to understand that

our mission is actually a commission with Jesus

that's what we want

is to understand that our mission

is a commission with Jesus

and there's a reason why we are able to ascend

I feel like this year there's gonna be a lot of um

testimonies of the blessings of God overtaking you

and I just want to say right now um

grab one of our staff

grab one of our point people

Patty Chris

myself Becky

anybody that if you have a testimony

I would love to just begin to share

I would love to sometimes

just let the Lord invade our whole worship sessions

and just make them all about testimonies

just God's glory stories

or we're just like

all right well

today we're just passing the mic

and we're just gonna let all the glory stories happen

and I just think that if we give time for that

God's gonna continue doing it

just like if you

spend 15 minutes talking about angels or heaven

you're gonna feel the presence well

if you spend 15 minutes talking about the glory of God

the glory of God is gonna show up

if that's what it does right

that's that's

that testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy

so in other words

when we start testifying what he's done

it actually releases him to do it again

the word testimony not just is your story

but it actually

hidden within the definition means to do it again

so God we're just believing you for great things

and we want testimonies of how God is blessing you

and as the great commission

you're gonna find that

the blessing of God that's overtaking you is for you

it's definitely for you

but it's also through you

so let's ask the Lord

to give us a great peripheral vision

and I'll tell you this

the pain of the last three to five years

was meant by the devil

to steal from you your peripheral vision

because if you're like this because of pain

I've just got to protect me

I got to get me

we just gotta get ourselves out of it

we gotta bring and bear it

you know that got that

hold on until we get through it kind of thing

um it'll it'll stop you

seeing that your life is so valuable right now

to the discipleship of other people

and your vision was just narrow

and the lord's taking those sort of

blinders off this year

and showing us how to walk in peripheral vision

and just go

oh Lord look at that person

I haven't had

people highlighted to me like this for years

and you're just gonna see

people highlighted to you all over

and so you're gonna have to discern

like you know

cause you're

gonna have 100 people highlighted to you in one day

so you're gonna have to discern like

you know how to walk that out with the

just a few people

just make it super simple

but why would god show you 500 things in a month

and you were supposed to walk out 10 of them

because that's part of discipleship

when I go into a restaurant

I sometimes just have to like clear the mechanism right

I can tell those two people are not together haha

but they're together

you know what I mean and that person's contemplating suicide

I just have to like

you know Becky knows

you just like

let me just chill out

especially when I get from here

where the anointings been strong on me

and I just kind of go on to the

you know just like reverberating

and I just have to like chill

and not everything in this is an assignment

not everything that you feel

not everything that you see is an assignment

so part of the Great Commission is learning again

how to pick that up with joy

how to have fun

just running with Jesus and him going

gosh bless that person

go up right now and watch what I'll do

and it's always something that turns to be

a massive blessing for you right

that's what it is

he's hidden that blessing in plain sight

right in front of us

let me pray for you

let's pray for us

would you stand

one of the things that I know I'm supposed to do

is just ask the Lord to give us peripheral vision

and take off the blinders

and so that's what I want to do today

is just go after that

I want the Lord

like a lion to show up and kill the lion that devours

hey shut up

and I just felt like in praying

that the Lord is just saying hey

I know that you're in need right now

I know that you're in need financially or relationally

or whatever the need may be

and so I'm gonna ask you as a disciple

to not wait to give to someone else

I know you're in need and I've got you

I've got your back

I know your need

I know what you're asking me for

I know what you're believing me for

and I'm gonna ask you to give to someone else

cause that's how it works

and so Lord

I just ask that

you would just align us with kingdom principles

that we would constantly looking to see who he can less

who you're on

what you're doing

how to know when you're on something

or you're doing something

and when you're not God

just that peripheral vision God

and I'm just asking that if pain or robbery

or betrayal has just narrowed our peripheral vision

that you would heal that Lord

I know that some of the vision

problems that are happening

are spiritual

and Lord I just thank you that some of the

eyesights that we've been seeing healed lately

are spiritual

and it's a sign of you healing our peripheral vision

and so Lord

we keep going after physical healing

but also spiritual eyesight

like Paul prayed

open the eyes of our heart

God we wanna see you

we wanna see what you're doing and Lord

I don't wanna miss you

in the harvest field

I don't wanna come up and ascend into your presence

and find out that

you wanted me to bring a bunch of people with

and so Lord

I just ask on a daily basis

that we would all have encounters with you

and those individual encounters would now increase

and I pray the testimonies

god would be amazing

I just pray god

we'd have just whole services of testimonies

but Lord I also pray that like Paul

we would say

follow me as I follow Christ

and people would be completely drawn into disciple ship

because that's what you've asked us to do

Lord I just ask that for the people who need us

to encourage them

whether here in this building

or outside of these four walls

just to help their Christian life

and get a word from heaven for someone

to make disciples

god we just

right now where we're at

everyone can do it

no matter the age

we just say god

I wanna join you in that Matthew 28 anointing

to make disciples

to go into my world on a weekly basis

and make disciples

Lord help me to look for someone to build on

so I can speak into them

and encourage the disciple that you're making

god I pray every time we come here

the prophetic word

a hug and encouragement

can I pray for you

all of those things

that would happen inside these four walls

that this would be the proving ground

for something you wanna do outside these four walls

so Lord we just give ourselves to the Great Commission

right here inside these four walls

with the people we love

Lord we want the spirit of adoption

to cause us all to increase

to cause us all to grow

we want all ships to rise with the tide right here

inside this tribe

inside this family

god cause us to come to this place with fresh bread

to pour out every week

every time we're here Holla

fresh Holla bread

that we bring to each other

God I just thank you that suddenly we're gonna

before we come

or on the way that we're driving to church

we're gonna see someone in a Red Jacket in the spirit

and then we're gonna come into the house

and we're gonna notice someone with the Red Jacket

and we're gonna know that's our person

things like that Lord just do inside the four walls

outside the four walls God

let us jump into the great co mission with you

Jesus and have a ton of fun doing it

Jesus it's all for your praise and all for your glory

it's all to make you famous

and to see your fame spread throughout the land

it's true

II wanna um

highlight a couple people that I think

I wanna pray over today

and just have our ministry pray over

um one of the things that I feel like God

saying to me right now is um I think there's some people here and and perhaps online too but I think there's some people here that um just used to walk in that great commission more God began to just put it on your hearts for souls and all of those things and and um and you're here and you're like gosh I wanna get back to that there's no shame and letting that fall or whatever has happened and sometimes life goes on and all of that sort of thing but holy spirits telling you today um I wanna stir that up in you again I wanna explode that in you again and if that's you I don't want you to leave here without coming and getting prayer from us um I wanna pray with you I wanna have our team pray with you and if that's you maybe for the first time you're just recognizing gosh I want to enter into the Great Commission and I wanna encourage people in their walk with the Lord and I want to have the peripheral vision to do that and you need prayer for that I want you to also come up I also feel lastly that God just gonna widen our prayer life for people tons of prayer for the people that we love and know and he's gonna bring new people into our radar and I just wanna say guys the bulls are tipping the prayers that you prayed the Bible talks about the bowls in heaven are the prayers of the saints and at some point those bowls of the prayers of the saints get full and the angels go over and tip over those bowls so that the answer to those prayers can splash upon the earth and manifest and I just feel again to prophesy those bowls are tipping right now and the answer to the things you believe for are gonna come to pass

there's things that people have been praying for and you're gonna be an answer to their prayers

so if that's you

any any of that where you just feel gosh

I just want to jump in in a new way

and then also um

I just feel like there's healing for eyesight

and I mentioned it earlier

but I I really believe it I just wanna take time

if that's you and you want prayer

then I wanna bless you to um

to come and receive healing

and then the last thing that I wanna say is

many of you are in need

and I felt it all week long

and God knows your need

he totally does he's right here with you right now

he knows your need

and when he asked you to give

he's not saying earn my love earn my provision

it's not about that

when he asked you to give while you're in need

it's just about posturing your heart

God's the God of abundance

and there's just something about

giving while we're in need that just aligns

our hearts to kingdom

so I just bless you to find ways to be generous

in this moment

in this hour of your need

and doing so will just release

the answer to the prayers that you're praying right now

father I'm asking you to help us win souls

I'm asking Lord

that this church would be flooded

um not with just church transfers

but with people who have yet to know you

Lord through our life

through our testimony

through our intentional going out on the streets

through our making disciples

Lord this isn't just

a cute message that you're asking me to speak

this is our DNA

and god I just ask right now

that you would stir up in us

by your power and by your spirit

the anointing for the Great Commission

the authority for the Great Commission

the hunger the desire for the Great Commission

and I just thank you Lord

that we start seeing people

who we can encourage everywhere

even this afternoon

we start seeing people who we can encourage everywhere

and God I just ask that as we pour out and bless people that you would pour out on this house I just thank you for that Lord it's our honor Jesus to partner with you