



S E R M O N G U I D E

## We're Going From Good To Great

*Acts 1:4-8*

### INTRODUCTION

If you are being honest, are you content with your relationship with God? Maybe you are content with your life right now. When things are not going well, we as believers, are quick to turn to God. We will pray, read the Word, and go to church. We will look for any answer possible to help fix our troubles. But what about when life is going good? What about when we have nothing to complain about. Are you content with "just good?" No matter where you are in your relationship with God, His will is never for you to stay stagnant. He wants you to stay committed to growing in your relationship with Him. Do not become content with "just good" because what the Lord has for you, is so much more! In order to make sure you don't stay stagnant in your faith, let's look at three steps you can follow.

### KEY POINTS

#### 1. Reach Up

When the followers of Jesus are wondering about their fate and their future, the text says they take their questions and their concerns to the Lord who held their future in His hands. Acts 1:6 says, "So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, 'Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?'"

In other words, they ask Jesus, "So, what's next?" When faced with uncertainty about what lay ahead they see this as a time to seek direction, guidance, and reassurance from God. They looked up, they reached up as if they were lifting up their petitions, their pleas, and their supplications, to appeal for answers that only come from God.

Like these followers, we must reach up as we build upon the past and look forward to the future. Reaching up is about remembering the primacy of God and the worship of God as the central feature and component of our daily lives. We must recommit ourselves to looking to God for hope, inspiration, and direction so that we know what to do next!

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**2. Reach In**

Faith dictates that we trust God without knowing when, without knowing where, and without knowing how. When God told Abraham to leave his homeland, country, and kindred, and go into a land God would show him, God didn't fill in all the details. He did not tell Abraham where He would take him, how long it would take, or what obstacles he would face.

God just told him to go. And Abraham had to go without knowing. And just like Abraham, we shouldn't get preoccupied with matters that are beyond our purview and control but know that God is going to give us the strength, the ability, the wherewithal, and the power to accomplish what God has for us. Jesus is going to give us the power, the dynamite, to tear down, destroy, and defeat anything we would face on the outside. But if we want access to that power, we must not only reach UP, but we must reach IN.

**3. Reach Out**

Acts 20:32 says, "And now I entrust you to God and the message of his grace that is able to build you up and give you an inheritance with all those he has set apart for himself."

That inheritance, what God wants to give you, is only available if you reach out and receive it. He will not force it upon you. He does not force you to reach up for His power. He does not force you to reach into your relationship with Him. And He does not force you to receive all that He wants to bless you with. You need to reach up to Him, reach into Him, and reach out to receive Him. When you do that, you have all that you need to go from good to great!

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### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. Is your first reaction when you need something or when you're looking for direction to reach out to the Lord for help? Why or why not?
2. How would you rank your faith on a scale from 1 to 10 right now? If the number is lower than you'd like, why do you think that is?
3. What is one practical step you can take this week to reach out to your Heavenly Father and receive the will and plan He has for your life?

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