

Therefore, GO!

WITH YOU ALWAYS - THE GREAT COMMISSION

First Therefore, GO!
THE GREAT COMMISSION

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GOD'S MISSION IS ALWAYS PAIRED WITH GOD'S PRESENCE.

GOD NEVER SENDS HIS PEOPLE WITHOUT GOING WITH HIS PEOPLE.

“¹⁶ The eleven disciples traveled to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped, but some doubted. ¹⁸ Jesus came near and said to them, 'All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.' ”

MATTHEW 28:16-20 (CSB)

Jesus ends the Great Commission:

Not with pressure. Not with fear. Not with guilt.
BUT WITH PRESENCE.

The TENSION

Worship & Doubt SIDE BY SIDE.

“ When they saw him, they worshiped, but some doubted.”

MATTHEW 28:17 (CSB)

God does not wait for perfect people before He calls them.
Instead, He supports imperfect people with His perfect presence.

Biblical Pattern

God Calls People Who Feel Insufficient.

| Moses - God Sends, Then Promises Presence

“¹¹ But Moses asked God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' ¹² He answered, 'I will certainly be with you.' ”

EXODUS 3:11-12a (CSB)

| Gideon - Weakness Met with Presence

• Judges 6:15-16 (CSB)

| Jeremiah - Fear Met with Nearness

• Jeremiah 1:6-8 (CSB)

Bigger Story

God Has Always Been A God Who Dwells
With His People. | Genesis 3:8-9

| God Leads Israel with His Presence

• *Exodus 33:14–16a (CSB)*

| David - God Present in Fear

• *Psalms 23:4 (CSB)*

| Elijah - God Present When He Feels Alone

• *1 Kings 19:10–12 (CSB)*

The Incarnation

God With Us In Christ | *Matthew 1:23*

| Matthew Begins With: God With Us

| Matthew Ends With: I Am With You Always

| *Jesus Is the Fulfillment of God's Desire to Dwell with His People*

APPLICATION

“²⁰ And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

MATTHEW 28:20 (CSB)

Courage for Obedience

“⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

ACTS 1:8 (CSB)

Comfort in Doubt

| You may feel: *Spiritually dry. Unqualified. Fearful. Unsure.*

| You are not disqualified:

The disciples doubted, and Jesus used them to spread His Gospel all over the world.

Worship - A bigger view of God

| If God is truly with us: *Our obedience becomes worship. Our mission becomes gratitude. Our faith becomes awe.*

• *Psalms 16:11*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

COMMUNITY GROUP VIDEOS available on the APP |      

- 1 - In Matthew 28:16–20, what stands out to you about the combination of worship, doubt, command, and promise? Why do you think Jesus chose to end the Great Commission with a promise of His presence?
- 2 - Matthew 28:17 says some of the disciples doubted. How does that challenge the idea that God only uses people who feel spiritually strong or confident? How does this encourage you personally?
- 3 - We see that God repeatedly calls people who feel inadequate (Moses, Gideon, Jeremiah). What does this pattern reveal about God's character and how He accomplishes His mission?

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MATTHEW 28:20

- 4 - The sermon emphasized that God's mission is always paired with God's presence. How might our obedience, evangelism, discipleship, or service change if we truly believed Jesus is with us in those moments?
- 5 - Where do you currently feel hesitant, afraid, or spiritually inadequate to obey God? How does Jesus' promise "I am with you always" speak into that specific area of your life?
- 6 - How should a deeper understanding of God's presence move us toward worship, gratitude, and awe? What would it look like to live this week more aware that God is truly with us?

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