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1. A reminder of power & presence

- Turn to the Great Commission/Command once again, Matt. 28:18-20.
- *"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'"*
- Jesus opens & closes with a promise of power & presence.
- Since He has all authority, we go in His strength & not our own.
- He assures us that He is with us till time is no more. We are never alone.
- The Greek verb translated "*go*" is in the active imperative tense, which can also be translated "*as you are going*".
- This reminds us that sharing our faith should be a regular part of our lives as we live everyday life. Look for opportunities wherever you are!
- As we go, we are not only to convert people to Christ, but to disciple them to disciples of Christ. Disciples who will become disciple-makers themselves. Baptism is pictured as the first act of obedience.

- We would never leave an infant to fend for itself. Why then, would we leave a baby-Christian to try & grow on their own?
- The Great Commission communicates urgency, priority, & obedience.

2. The real reason of busyness

- I am convinced that we are busier now than ever before.
- I am also convinced that we will make time for what we want to do.
- Turn to James 4:13-17; boasting about tomorrow.
- We often think only of money when we hear the word stewardship.
- However, did you know the most valuable thing you have is time?
- Time is a finite resource & none of us know how much we have.
- We rarely regret how we spend it until it's too late.
- If we are too busy to share the Gospel, then we are too busy...period.
- If we are too busy, then aren't we prioritizing other, less important & temporal things over the eternal? It's just not that important to us!
- Since God is the Giver of time, shouldn't we spend His gift for His purposes?
- How much time do you spend on social media? Do you use it for the Kingdom? Couldn't it be leveraged for Gospel purposes?

3. The real reason of apathy

- I believe many Christians could find commonality with some of the churches mentioned in the first few chapters of Revelation.
- Rev. 2:4; *"Yet I hold this against you; You have forsaken your first love."*
- When we start to walk with the Lord, we are so excited, but many times that fades. The sin of apathy describes both motive & intent.
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- 2 Tim. 1:6; *"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love, and of self-discipline."*
- Without fuel, a fire goes out. Both oxygen & something flammable are required for fire to flourish.
- The Holy Spirit is the flame within us. Pray for the desire to share. Pray for a reignition of your own walk with the Lord. Don't see church as usual.
- Spend time with those whom you suspect are lost & outside of your holy huddle. Ask the Lord for divine appointments.

4. The real reason of a lack of discipline

- The words discipline & disciple come from the same root word, which means 'the right order' or 'the right path'.
- When a parent disciplines their child, we are attempting to return them to the best course for their lives.
- When an athlete is disciplined in their training & practice, it keeps their athletic career advancing.
- When we say someone is a disciple of Christ, that means that person is following Jesus' footsteps, imitating His life.
- All the above require commitment & execution. The same is true of evangelism.
- Evangelism IS a spiritual discipline & should be practiced as the others we are more accustomed to (prayer, studying the Word, fasting, etc.).
- *Who will be in heaven because you were faithful to share?*
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