



Go Light

Scripture Readings

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Introduction

One of the most powerful things about following Jesus on a discipleship path is that it is plainly practical while being spiritually rooted in the power and grace of God. And that grace abides in His simple commandments. There aren't artificial caps on access, no artificial limits placed on what God can do through a person, and there's no predictive algorithm for what God will do in and through a person's life.

We are moved in faith while being held in awe of what the Holy Spirit will do if and when we yield to Him and leave room for

Him to move.

Pack Light

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Jesus sends the Twelve out but He doesn't tell them:

- to go as a pack of twelve - he sent them 2 by 2
- to pack a grip (huge suitcase), saddle the donkeys, prepare for any scenario) - only a staff, no food, no extra clothes
- pack money - no money
- dress up - just one tunic and sandals
- be all over the place - he said when you go to minister and enter a house, stay there until it's time for you to go.

Jesus also teaches them how to do deal with:

- unclean spirits - He gave them authority to cast them out
- rejection - whoever doesn't receive you or hear you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave as a testimony against them (I was here but you wouldn't receive what I had to say—so that dust and responsibility isn't going with me)
 - i did my part
 - I'm not responsible for your response
 - I'm not going to carry the weight of that rejection
 - don't carry any emotional weight of rejection after you leave
 - shake it off and keep moving

When you pack light you can go further. When you pack heavy, your heart needs to stop more along the way.

None of the above got in the way of the message and as a result:

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Carry Light

So if we're supposed to 'Pack Light' what are we supposed to carry?

John 8:12 (NKJV)

12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Jesus spoke these words after the Pharisees tried to trick Jesus by bringing him a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They wanted Jesus to do what the Law would have commanded—stone her. But Jesus saw through their condemnation and 'Light did was Light does:'

- Jesus said "he who is without sin, cast the first stone."
- Jesus then began writing on the ground
- The Bible says that those were convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, from the oldest to the last.
- Light revealed their own sin and their unworthiness to condemn her
- Light had receipts and Jesus writings on the ground said it all

They brought her to Jesus to receive death for the deeds that she did in darkness. But in bringing her to Jesus, He had neither death nor darkness for her. He said, **"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."**

Not only did He tell her that He didn't condemn her but He told her to go and sin no more. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness. **"Light did what Light does."**

Aside from all of the less important things that we often put in front of sharing the actual Gospel with people, when do we actually **give them Jesus?**

- not an event
- not a task
- not money
- not something to condemn them
- not something to impress them

Carry Jesus - Carry the Light!

Be Light

If it is true that we become the things we carry, then if we are carrying The Light, we become light!

Ephesians 5:8-14 (NKJV)

Walk in Light

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), 10 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. 13 But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. 14 Therefore He says:

"Awake, you who sleep,
Arise from the dead,
And Christ will give you light."

Matthew 5:14-16 (NKJV).

14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

In the previous Scripture, Jesus said He was the light, but now He pronounces that His followers are the light of the world because they believe in Him. His audience at that moment was not just the 12, but all who were on the mount to hear the sermon and the beatitudes. **'When you receive The Light, you become light.'** And He puts us in view that others may see us and also asks us to carry His Light into dark places.

What's Already on Your Back?

You may say "it's hard for me to Go Light because I'm already carrying/wearing some heavy things." "I have baggage."

Matthew 11:28-30 (NKJV)

28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Being yoked or hitched to Jesus doesn't mean ALL of your baggage goes away. Some will go; but it means that because you're hitched to Jesus is able to bear them, your baggage gets lighter. Remember Jesus said, Matthew 16:24 "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

1. Come to Him and rest
2. Be Yoked to Him
3. Self denial

Less of me and more of Him—produced more of His Light.