



As You Go

Scripture Readings

Luke 17:11-19 (NKJV)

11 Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. 12 Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. 13 And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

14 So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, 16 and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

17 So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? 18 Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" 19 And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

Introduction

Go! This word is one of the fundamental verbs we usually learn in any language. Perhaps because it's the most actionable word. It's usually followed by additional instructions on where to go, how far, and it can be a perpetual command if there isn't a stop point mentioned. It's one of those words that we cannot easily confuse. And when Jesus said it, it wasn't something that folks could refuse. Even the sick responded to Jesus' instructions to Go. The tax collector, the Gentile, the soldier, the fisherman. Their faith in Jesus reward them with a remarkable miracle and/or a move of God's power. However, there are those who would rather have you wait for a state of readiness that is not full of faith but rather of doubt.

Why We Struggle With the Word Go

There are common fears that many have when walking by faith. Leading us to struggle with the Word "Go."

1. It's the voice in our head that asks, "what if I'm not ready?"
2. "Maybe I should wait until the situation changes"
3. It's the voices around you that tell you "you're not ready"
4. It's the enemy threatening to embarrass you if you go

I wrestle with the idea of "going" undeveloped; going uninformed; going unprepared; going untrained; going without a covering. And so much of what we have been told rings louder than the Biblical perspective.

Earlier in Luke 17, Jesus spoke to His disciples about dealing with offenses and forgiving those who offend them. Even if they have to do so several times in one day. The disciple's response was:

Luke 17:5 And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

6 So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

Jesus was saying to them, 'you have more faith than you think you do!' There is more power in your obedience and alignment with Jesus than there is in your idea of super-sized faith.

The power in obeying the Lord is greater than the power of your concept of your readiness. For those that caution that to accomplish some things in Christ, it takes a longer time of formation in Christ, I would submit this.

The Formation of Christ in us

The formation of Christ in us is:

- Granted by the Spirit of God (Ephesians 3:16)
- Accomplished by His Spirit (Ephesians 3:20)
- Rooted in His Love (Ephesians 3:17)
- Manifested in the Fruit of His Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)

Ephesians 3:14-19 (NKJV)

14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:20 (NKJV)

20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ([Galatians 5:22-23](#), ESV)

Galatians 4:19-20 **19** my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you! **20** I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, for I am perplexed about you. ([Galatians 4:19-20](#), ESV)

Paul was in anguish because He planted the seed of the Word of God in them to believe in Christ. Yet when he checked in on their growth in Christ, they had embraced the legalism of the Law and their faith was stunted as they sought the Law for their

justification and not faith. His anguish was that he desired for Christ to be formed in them, and not the condemnation of the Law.

Come As You Are and Be Healed As You Go!

What do you do when the word "Go" precedes the answer to your prayer request? What happens when you ask God to make you whole and well and "approved" and He says "Go" but you're looking at your situation and it's still the same. It would make sense to first experience the change you want to see first before you "go."

I submit to you that when God tells you to "go" it will always be "by faith." Or when He says "come." It will always be "by faith." When a timeless God speaks to a human being who is bound by time, many times we have a hard time understanding how we can possibly move on what He said without certain assurances being there first. But from God's timeless perspective, it's already happened!

We must look closely at the text to see that at the moment that Jesus told them to go show themselves to the priest, they were not healed yet. They likely looked at their hands, feet and skin and still saw the leprosy. They could have doubted Him and said, "well He's not a real prophet because I didn't see anything happen yet!" Or they could have allowed the familiar shame of their condition keep them from going to the priest according to the Law.

In Leviticus, suspected cases of leprosy—identified by greenish or reddish discoloration in garments, skin, or woven materials—required presentation to the priest for evaluation. ([Lev 13:49](#)) The priest would examine the affected person and determine whether healing had occurred. ([Lev 14:2–3](#)) This priestly examination functioned as the authoritative mechanism for both diagnosis and certification of cleansing within Israel's ritual system.

The Gospels apply this same principle to Jesus's healing work. When Jesus healed individuals with leprosy, he directed them to visit the priest, offer the prescribed sacrifice according to Mosaic law, and present themselves as evidence of their restoration. ([Matt 8:4](#); [Mark 1:44](#); [Luke 5:14](#)) By insisting on this priestly verification, Jesus affirmed the existing legal framework while simultaneously demonstrating that his healing power operated within—and validated—Israel's established religious structures. The requirement served dual purposes: it provided official recognition of the healing and created public testimony to what had occurred.

Jesus told them to go in faith while they were still leprous. But they were healed as they went!

- Some healings are not instantaneous.
- Some breakthroughs are not instantaneous
- Some growth is not instantaneous
- Some harvests are not instantaneous

But they can happen as you go!

Conclusion

When you're in a moment of decision "should I stay or should I go?" Ask yourself,

- "in whose name am I going?"
- "and on what word am I standing on?"
- Don't go without His Spirit
- Don't go if He's telling you to stay
- Don't go if you don't believe Him
- Don't go in His Name if you don't know Him
- But if you heard Him—go
- If He called you - go
- You may not feel ready - go
- You may not feel like everything's lined up - go
- You may have expected something else to happen first - go

- It didn't happen the way you saw it in your mind - go
- Go with a testimony
- Go with an expectation
- Go with joy
- Because as you go, the healing happens
- As you obey, the miracle happens
- As you go the breakthrough happens
- As you go, His Presence goes before you
- As you go, your faith is making you whole