

It's GO Time



### Scripture Readings

Matthew 28:16-20 (NKJV)

#### The Great Commission

(Mark 16:14-18; Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-23; Acts 1:6-8)

16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. 17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

### It is SO—so GO!

Perhaps the greatest power of the Church of God today is the great grace, provision and Presence that the Lord offers His Church when we decide to:

1. Believe Him
2. Obey Him
3. Trust Him
4. Glorify Him

#### Believe Him:

- when He says "and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. When Jesus said those words, He sealed it with an "Amen." This wasn't the end of a prayer, it was a guarantee, and insurance, an assurance, a "you better believe that right there is already settled in Heaven and Earth!" Amen, it is SO!
- It is SO—so you can GO!
- It is SO—so you can GO do what?
- Make disciples

- Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
- Teach them to observe all the things that I have commanded you

I am with you; it is so; so go!

### **Obey Him**

- To not GO is not just an expression of doubt, it is a willful disobedience
- To not GO is a decision to follow another alternative, another system, accepting a different set of expectations and outcomes and segmenting your life as an exception to what the Scriptures have said.
- Now that you know, you can't NOT GO.
  - It would be crazy for you to NOT GO
  - Why would you choose to NOT GO other than unbelief?

### **Trust Him**

- The weakness with many of is that we do not trust ourselves with the responsibility to disciple someone else?
- We don't trust ourselves to perform well, speak well, explain well; all the excuses that Moses offered God.
- Sometimes we're confronted with the lack of priority we've given God in the past and we're scared that others will discover our flaws and accuse us with them.
- The goal here is not about trusting yourself. It's about placing complete trust and reliance on the Holy Spirit whom you are surrendering to.
  - [2 Corinthians 4:7-10 \(NKJV\)](#) 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. 8 We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed 10 always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.
- As you trust the Lord in your first steps of faith and the Holy Spirit begins to work your faith, you discover that those flaws were shortcomings that the Lord overcomes as you yield to Him.
  - You're no longer failing, you're succeeding
  - You're no longer absent, you're present
  - You're no longer unable—now you're able to
  - You're no longer just a hearer of the Word—you're a doer of the Word

### **Glorify Him**

[Ephesians 2:8-10 \(NKJV\)](#)

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

[1 Peter 4:10-11 \(NKJV\)](#)

10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- The Gifts of the Holy Spirit that we receive are not to exalt any of us above each other; it is to build up one another.
  - This is why we ought to pray to the Holy Spirit for His gifts that we may edify one another and strengthen one another and Glorify the Lord who is doing the ministration through us.

## **Rebuke Unbelief so You Can GO**

Mark 16:14-19 (NKJV)

The Great Commission

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14 Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. 15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Christ Ascends to God's Right Hand

(Luke 24:50–53)

19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

In our first Scripture, we see that as Jesus gave the disciples the meeting place for Him to meet them in his resurrected body, many people who heard it didn't believe. Mark confirms that and adds an important part to the story.

- Jesus wasn't just sad that some didn't believe it (because it sounded too good to be true)
  - Jesus rebuked their unbelief just as if their unbelief came from Satan!
    - "How could you not believe when I told you all that this temple would be torn down and in three days it would be raised up again"
    - "How could you not believe the news from Mary, Mary, Mary and Mary that I was risen and that the tomb is empty?"
    - "How could you not then believe the testimony of the disciples who saw me, saw the nail prints in my hands and feet and the wound where I was pierced by a spear?"
    - "And all the others that saw me since I was risen." Are they all liars?
  - Jesus didn't coddle their unbelief—He engaged it and rebuked it immediately and Mark mentions that they had a "hardness of heart" because of unbelief.
  - Unbelief doesn't mean that you're having a hard time grasping the miraculous
  - Unbelief means, you don't think that because God showed His power to others that He would show His presence to you—and that makes you hard hearted, hard headed, bitter and brittle against the Holy Spirit.
  - You don't think God wants to or can't do that for you so you've locked yourself away from it.
  - Why would you do that?
  - Like a child who develops a narrative that their parent loves the other sibling(s) more than them and begins acting out.
  - Jesus rebuked that! And then charged them with the responsibility to GO!

## But Before You Go—Go into the FLOW

Acts 1:4-11 (NKJV)

4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Jesus orientated His disciples AWAY from political or kingdom conquest! Conquest was not the goal for these soon to be "More than Conquerors." Commission was their goal! Communication was their tool! And the Holy Spirit would be the source of their power and their present Guide! Their Ezer—their Helper!

Jesus told them BEFORE they GO, go into Jerusalem and GO into PRAYER in order to step into the FLOW of what He had for them!

### F — Fast

We fast to humble ourselves, quiet our appetites, and turn our hearts fully toward God. Joel 2:12-13 • Matthew 6:16-18

### L — Linger

We linger in God's presence, resisting hurry, allowing intimacy and attentiveness to grow. Psalm 27:4 • Psalm 91:1

### O — Obey

We respond to what God reveals, aligning our lives with His instruction and truth. John 14:21 • Isaiah 1:19

### W — Wait

We wait on the Lord with trust and expectation, allowing His timing to strengthen and guide us. Isaiah 40:31 • Psalm 130:5

Out of this FLOW state came the Baptism of the Holy Spirit!  
You shouldn't GO without the Helper! The Holy Spirit!

- The Hebrew word for helper (**ezer**) actually denotes **strength**,
  - often associated with battle-winning power.

If you're gonna GO and WIN, you need your HELPER!

See our FLOW Prayer and Fasting Devotional in our app and on our website for a daily guide in stepping into the FLOW of the Holy Spirit.