

The Spiritual Life: Obeying the "Go" in God

We're led by God by not trusting in ourselves but by acknowledging Him in all of our ways. The ways of Jesus are the higher ways to live by and the Holy Spirit is our helper. There's a glory producing power released when we "Go", when God speaks.

Making God's "Go", good

Genesis 1:1-5

New Living Translation

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.[a] 2 The earth was formless and empty, and **darkness covered** the deep waters. **And the Spirit of God was hovering** over the surface of the waters.

3 Then **God said**, "Let there be light," **and there was** light. 4 **And God saw that the light was good**. Then he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day" and the darkness "night."

And evening passed and morning came, marking the first day.

- In the beginning God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) all 3 present.
- Darkness covered the earth
- The Spirit of God hovered over the waters
- God (Father) spoke, and His Word (Jesus) created light, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

John 1:1-3

New King James Version

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

God speaks - His Word (Jesus) moves- By the power of the Holy Spirit

Jesus obeying the “Go” at 12

Luke 2:41-52

New Living Translation

41 Every year Jesus’ parents **went** to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. 42 When Jesus was twelve years old, **they attended the festival as usual.** 43 After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, **but Jesus stayed** behind in Jerusalem. **His parents didn’t miss him at first, 44 because they assumed** he was among the other travelers. But when he didn’t show up that evening, they started looking for him among their relatives and friends.

45 When they couldn’t find him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for him there. 46 Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. 47 **All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.**

48 His parents didn’t know what to think. “Son,” his mother said to him, “why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere.”

49 **“But why did you need to search?” he asked. “Didn’t you know** that I must be in my Father’s house?” **(about His Father’s business)** [a] 50 But they didn’t understand what he meant.

51 Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And his mother stored all these things in her heart.

52 **Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.** (From the age of 12-30, 18 years)

The Holy Spirit hovers again

Matthew 3:13-17

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13 Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. 14 But John tried to talk him out of it. “I am the one who needs to be baptized by you,” he said, “so why are you coming to me?”

15 But Jesus said, “It should be done, **for we must carry out all that God requires.**[a]” So John agreed to baptize him.

16 After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened[b] **and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him.** 17 And a voice from heaven said, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.”

- The Holy Spirit hovered over the waters ready to empower Jesus, the word of God, to bring light and life to death and darkness.

18 years of obscurity in obedience

Luke 3:23

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23 Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his public ministry.

Tested to see if we’re ready to “GO”

Luke 4

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4 **Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit,** returned from the Jordan River. He was **led by the Spirit in the wilderness,**[a] 2 where he was tempted by the devil for forty days. Jesus ate nothing all that time and became very hungry.

3 Then the devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become a loaf of bread.”

4 But Jesus told him, “No! The Scriptures say, ‘People do not live by bread alone.’[b]”

5 Then the devil took him up and revealed to him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 “I will give you the glory of these kingdoms and authority over them,” the devil said, “because they are mine to give to anyone I please. 7 I will give it all to you if you will worship me.”

8 Jesus replied, “The Scriptures say,

‘You must worship the Lord your God
and serve only him.’[c]”

9 Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, “If you are the Son of God, jump off! 10 For the Scriptures say,

‘He will order his angels to protect and guard you.
11 And they will hold you up with their hands
so you won’t even hurt your foot on a stone.’[d]”

12 Jesus responded, “The Scriptures also say, ‘You must not test the Lord your God.’[e]”

13 When the devil had finished tempting Jesus, he left him until the next opportunity came.

Filled with the “GO” of GOD

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

14 Then Jesus returned to Galilee, **filled with the Holy Spirit’s power**. Reports about him spread quickly through the whole region. 15 He taught regularly in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

16 When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. 17 The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written:

18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released,
that the blind will see,
that the oppressed will be set free,
19 and that the time of the Lord's favor has come.[f]"

20 He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently. 21 Then he began to speak to them. "The Scripture you've just heard has been fulfilled this very day!"

22 Everyone spoke well of him and was amazed by the gracious words that came from his lips. "How can this be?" they asked. "Isn't this Joseph's son?"

23 Then he said, "You will undoubtedly quote me this proverb: 'Physician, heal yourself'—meaning, 'Do miracles here in your hometown like those you did in Capernaum.' 24 But I tell you the truth, no prophet is accepted in his own hometown.

25 "Certainly there were many needy widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the heavens were closed for three and a half years, and a severe famine devastated the land. 26 Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them. He was sent instead to a foreigner—a widow of Zarephath in the land of Sidon. 27 And many in Israel had leprosy in the time of the prophet Elisha, but the only one healed was Naaman, a Syrian."

28 When they heard this, the people in the synagogue were furious. 29 Jumping up, they mobbed him and forced him to the edge of the hill on which the town was built. They intended to push him over the cliff, 30 but he passed right through the crowd and went on his way.

Jesus Casts Out a Demon

31 Then Jesus went to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and taught there in the synagogue every Sabbath day. 32 There, too, the people were amazed at his teaching, for he spoke with authority.

33 Once when he was in the synagogue, a man possessed by a demon—an evil[g] spirit—cried out, shouting, 34 "Go away! Why are you interfering with us,

Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

35 But Jesus reprimanded him. “Be quiet! Come out of the man,” he ordered. At that, the demon threw the man to the floor as the crowd watched; then it came out of him without hurting him further.

36 Amazed, the people exclaimed, “What authority and power this man’s words possess! Even evil spirits obey him, and they flee at his command!” 37 The news about Jesus spread through every village in the entire region.

The great “GO”

Matthew 28:16-20

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The Great Commission

16 Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted!

18 Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,[a] baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Pray for help but still “GO”

Luke 10:1-3

10 The Lord now chose seventy-two[a] other disciples and sent them ahead in pairs to all the towns and places he planned to visit. 2 These were his instructions to them: “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his

fields. 3 Now go, and remember that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves.

The good of our “Go”

Luke 10:17-20

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17 When the seventy-two disciples returned, they joyfully reported to him, “Lord, even the demons obey us when we use your name!”

18 “Yes,” he told them, “I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning! 19 Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you. 20 But don’t rejoice because evil spirits obey you; rejoice because your names are registered in heaven.”