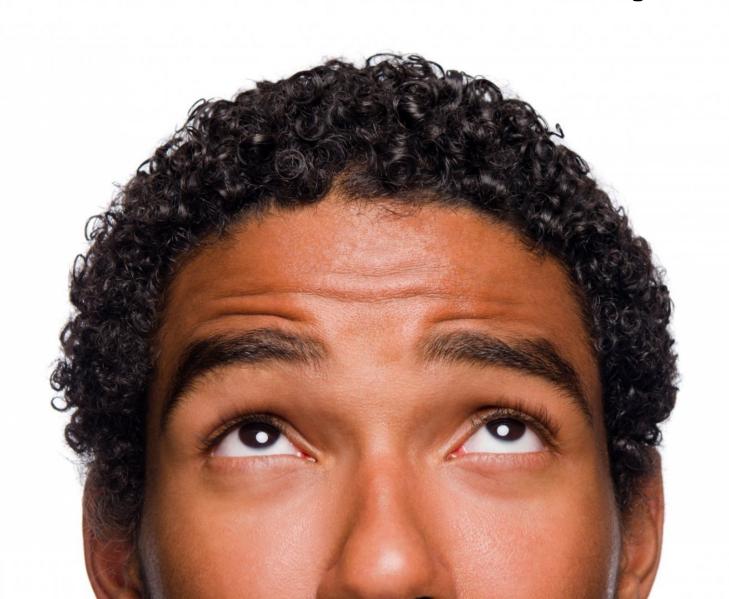


Matthew 16:24 (NLT) — "Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me."



FOLLOW JESUS

Who Do You Look Up To?





God has called each follower of Jesus to LIVE ON MISSION!

Matthew 28:18–20 (NLT) — "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..."



Being Given a Commission Means:

 Being authorized or assigned to perform a specific task or service for someone else



1. We Will Encounter <u>HARDSHIP</u>

Matthew 10:16-18 (NLT) — "Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and harmless as doves. 17 But beware! For you will be handed over to the courts and will be flogged with whips in the synagogues. 18 You will stand trial before governors and kings because you are my followers. But this will be your opportunity to tell the rulers and other unbelievers about me."

"Like sheep among wolves..."



Are we ACTIVELY





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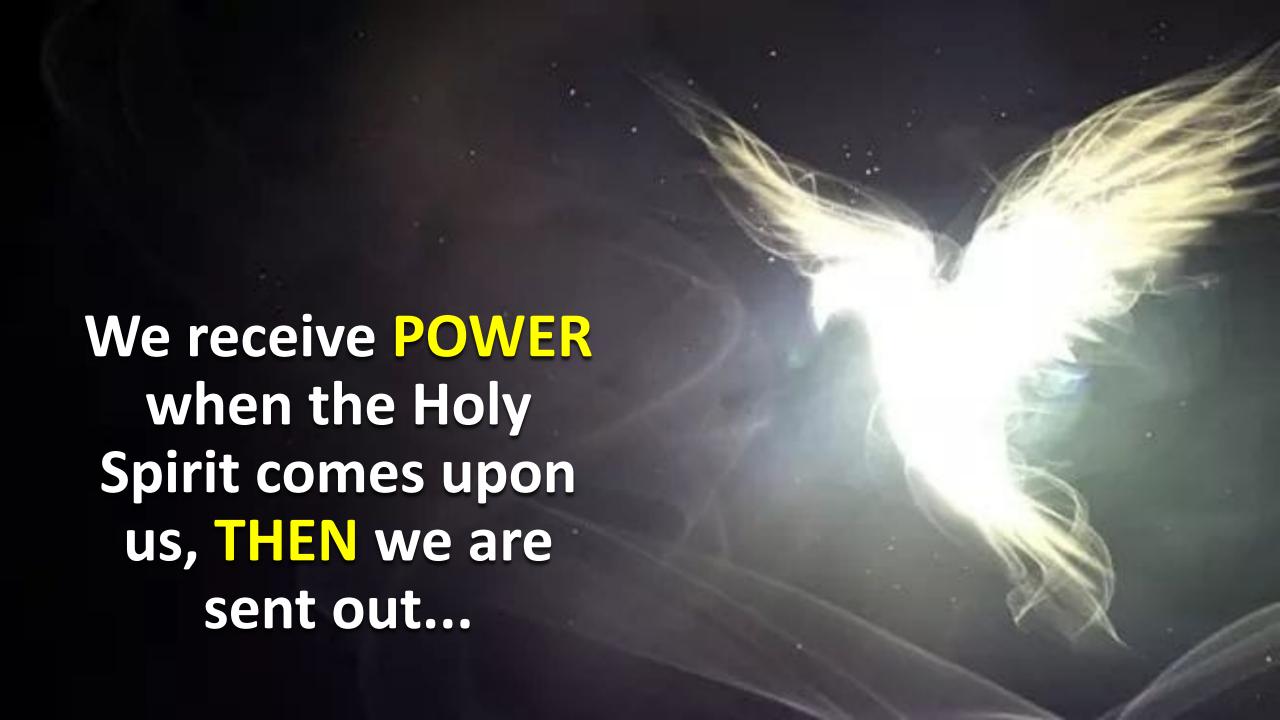
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2. We Have an <u>ADVOCATE</u>

Acts 1:8 (NLT) — "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."





God's Spirit lives within us when we decide to follow Jesus

John 14:26 (NKJV) — "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."



Proverbs 16:9 (NKJV) — "A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps."





3. It All Comes Down to <u>LOVE</u>

John 13:35 (NLT) — "Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."







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John 3:16 (NKJV) — "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Acts 4:32 (NLT) — "All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had."

