

5-Day Devotional: Commissioned and Sent
Pastor Jay Hassman
April 26, 2026

Day 1: The Authority Behind Your Assignment

Reading: Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8

Devotional: Before Jesus commissioned His disciples, He established the foundation: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." This wasn't casual conversation. It was a declaration that changed everything. You may feel unqualified for what God is calling you to do. Perhaps you're comparing yourself to others who seem more experienced, more educated, or more capable. But here's the truth: you don't go in your own strength. The authority doesn't come from your resume; it comes from the One who sends you. When God places an assignment on your life, He backs it with His authority. You're not representing yourself. You're representing the King of Kings. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is available to you through the Holy Spirit. Your adequacy isn't found in your ability; it's found in His authority.

Reflection Question: What assignment has God placed before you that you've been avoiding because you don't feel qualified?

Day 2: From Receiver to Messenger

Reading: Romans 10:14-15; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20

Devotional: There's a comfortable place many believers settle into. Being receivers of God's grace. We celebrate what God has done for us, hold tightly to our salvation, and enjoy the benefits of being His children. But Jesus never intended for us to stop there. What God did in you was never meant to stay with you. You are not just a recipient; you are a messenger. You carry the most important news in human history: reconciliation with God is possible through Jesus Christ. Paul calls us "Christ's ambassadors," as though God were making His appeal through us. Think about that. The Creator of the universe has chosen to work through ordinary people like you and me to spread the extraordinary message of salvation. You don't need to be a theologian or a professional minister. You simply need to share what Jesus has done in your life. Someone in your sphere of influence is waiting to hear the message that only you can deliver in your unique way.

Reflection Question: Who in your life needs to hear about the hope you've found in Jesus?

Day 3: The Message You Carry

Reading: 1 Peter 3:15; Mark 16:15-16

Devotional: Imagine you discovered the cure for a deadly disease. Would you keep it to yourself? Would you worry about offending people by sharing it? Of course, not you'd urgently tell everyone who needed to hear. The gospel is exactly that: the cure for humanity's deadliest condition. Yet we often treat it as private information, something personal that shouldn't be discussed in polite company. Culture tells us faith is a private matter, but Jesus commands us to proclaim it publicly. You are a messenger, not an editor. Your job isn't to modify the message to make it more palatable or culturally acceptable. Your calling is to faithfully deliver what has been entrusted to you: Jesus

died for our sins, rose from the dead, and offers eternal life to all who believe. This doesn't mean being obnoxious or insensitive. Peter instructs us to share "with gentleness and respect." But gentleness should never become silence. The message is too important, and the stakes are too high.

Reflection Question: Have you been editing God's message to make it more comfortable, or faithfully delivering it?

Day 4: Never Alone in the Mission

Reading: Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5-6; Exodus 33:12-17

Devotional: The Great Commission ends with a promise that changes everything: "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Jesus didn't just send His disciples. He goes with them. When Moses was called to lead Israel, he told God, "If Your presence doesn't go with us, don't send us up from here." Moses understood that presence is everything. Without God's presence, even the most important mission becomes impossible. You will face moments of uncertainty. You'll have conversations that feel awkward. You'll encounter situations where you don't have all the answers. But in every single moment, Jesus is with you. His presence accompanies you into every divine appointment, every difficult discussion, every step of obedience. You are Heaven's ambassador in a foreign land, and you carry the full backing of the Kingdom. You don't navigate this mission alone. The same Jesus who conquered death walks beside you, empowering you, guiding you, and working through you.

Reflection Question: In what situation do you need to remember that Jesus is with you?

Day 5: Sent, Not Just Saved

Reading: John 20:21; Ephesians 2:8-10; Isaiah 6:8

Devotional: Jesus said to His disciples, "As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you." This is the culmination of everything. You are not just saved; you are sent. Salvation was never meant to be the end of your story; it was meant to be the beginning. God didn't rescue you just so you could sit comfortably in His grace. He saved you, restored you, and equipped you for a purpose that extends beyond yourself. Some of you have been waiting to feel ready. You've been disqualifying yourself because of past failures, lack of knowledge, or feelings of inadequacy. But God isn't waiting for your confidence. He's calling you to obedience. The question isn't "Do I know enough?" or "Am I ready?" The question is: "What will I do with what God has entrusted to me?" Your life matters beyond you. The gospel you carry is meant to impact someone else. Today, God is recommissioning you. Stop sitting. Start stepping. You are sent.

Reflection Question: What is one step of obedience you need to take in response to being sent?