

## All This Matters

*There's So Much More To Following Jesus*  
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**Matthew 28:19** Go & make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father & the Son & the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you...

Daily habits & practices of being a Jesus follower. A disciple. Disciples are followers who are looking for direction from their Master

Come - Near to Jesus; Hear - Pay Attention; Do - Obey, Practice

**John 13:34b MSG** "...Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are My disciples—when they see the love you have for each other."

*God is counting us to show the world's people His love & goodness!*

**Acts 1:8** You'll receive power (seized w/ power) when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you'll be My witnesses (messengers) telling people about Me everywhere...

*Partnering w/ God! Living life as an agent of God!*

*Let's live a life full of the Holy Spirit, carrying the message of Jesus!*

*God has given each of us the honor of being a spokesperson for Him.*

**2 Corinthians 5:11a TPT** Since we're those who stand in holy awe of the Lord, we make it our passion to persuade others *to turn to Him*...

**14** It's Christ's love that fuels our passion & motivates us, because we're absolutely convinced that He's given His life for all of us... **18** God has made all things new & reconciled us to Himself, & given us the ministry of reconciling others to God.. **20** We are ambassadors of the Anointed One (*AMP personal representatives*) who carry the message of Christ to the world.

*I believe all of us, deep in our hearts, desire to be Christ's ambassadors.*

*Our primary mission on this planet is to carry the message of Jesus.*

*Let's be strong in what we're carrying & Who we're representing.*

**John 3:17 AMP** God didn't send the Son into the world in order to judge, reject, condemn, pass sentence on the world, but that the world might find salvation & be made safe & sound through Him.

*This is the Good News, the Gospel, the Message of Jesus that we carry  
Let's not be content w/ living safe - w/in our churches & Christian circles*

**2 Peter 3:9b AMP** ...*(The Lord)* is extraordinarily patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for **all** to come to repentance.

*We're the **Search & Rescue Team** - Join the Movement!*

*This wonderful life of Missional Living & enjoy these **5 Benefits...***

**1. It's An Exciting & Challenging Adventure** – *The greatest thrill on earth is leading someone to Jesus & advancing the Kingdom of God. A deep spirit of joy rises up w/in you when you genuinely spread the love of Jesus w/ someone. It's so exhilarating to be used by God.*

**Acts 2:46** They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper; shared their meals w/ great joy & generosity *47 all the while praising God & enjoying the goodwill of all the people.* And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved...

**2. Living w/ A Sense Of Purpose & Destiny** – *It gives meaning to our lives. Fulfilling our God-given destiny & answering the calling on our life to share God's kindness w/ others. It's incredible to realize that what we do each day has meaning in the big picture of God's plan!*

**John 4:31** ...the disciples were urging Jesus, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup> But Jesus replied, "**I have a kind of food you know nothing about.**" <sup>33</sup> "Did someone bring Him food while we were gone?" the disciples asked <sup>34</sup> Jesus said: "**My nourishment comes from doing the will of God who sent me & finishing His work.** <sup>35</sup> You know the saying, '4 months between planting & harvest. But I say, wake up & look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest. <sup>36</sup> The harvesters are paid good wages & the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter & the harvester! <sup>37</sup> You know the saying, 'One plants & another harvests.' It's true. <sup>38</sup> I sent you to harvest where you didn't plant; others had already done the work; now you'll get to gather the harvest." <sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman said, "He told me

everything I ever did!” 40 When they came out to see Him, they begged Him to stay in their village. He stayed for two days, 41 long enough for many more to hear His message & believe. 42 They said to the woman, “Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we’ve heard Him ourselves. Now we know that He’s indeed the Savior of the world.”

### **3. Personal Spiritual Growth** – *Conversations w/ unchurched people will wake up your relationship w/ Jesus!*

- \*Our walk w/ God will keep moving forward.
- \*Our hunger for the Word will explode.
- \*Our passion for prayer & seeking His presence will increase. (*We’ll cry out to God for help so we can help others*)
- \*We’ll worship God w/ renewed passion!
- \*Our church takes on new life & purpose! (*not only will we love our church more, and we’ll also be looking at church from the perspective of non-religious, unchurched people*)
- \*Our personal conduct (*holiness*) will rise because of your awareness that we’re carrying the message of Jesus! Others are watching.

**John 15:3** You’ve already been pruned & purified by **the message** I’ve given you. 4 Remain in Me, & I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it’s severed from the vine, & you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in Me.

**Romans 10:13** Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord *will be saved* 14 But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? & how can they believe in Him if they’ve never heard about Him? & how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them? 15 How will anyone go & tell them w/out being sent? That’s why the Scriptures say, How beautiful are the feet of **messengers** who bring Good News!

***We’re plundering hell & populating heaven!!***

### **4. Personal Spiritual Confidence & Boldness** –

- \*We’ve been “seized w/ power” (**Acts 1:8**)
- \*We’ll be strengthened in our boldness & confidence in Jesus.

\*We increase in our knowledge & understanding of scripture.

\*We want to take on new challenges.

\*Share Christ w/ people we never thought we'd care about.

\*Do & say things we thought we'd never say.

**1 Corinthians 6:19 TPT** Have you forgotten that your body's now the sacred temple of the Spirit of Holiness, who lives *in you*? You don't belong to yourself any longer, the gift of God, the Holy Spirit, *lives inside your sanctuary*. 20 You were God's expensive purchase, paid for w/ tears of blood, so by all means, use your body to bring glory to God!

**Luke 4:18** “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 & that the time of the Lord's favor has come.”

**5. Eternal Rewards** – Driven by eternity; we're thinking long term; *investing* in other people's eternity.

**Matthew 6:19** “Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. 21 Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.”

*These are OUR benefits; we haven't even talked about the recipients of our giving & love... - Like escaping hell & gaining heaven!!*

*This gets me so excited!! Join the Movement! Let's represent Jesus, carry His message & and be the disciples that He's called us all to be!*