

## “Let’s Go!”

*Matthew 28:18-19*

The rallying cry of most conferences and the topics of many sermons and books, is “Discover your purpose. Don't just sit there; do something!” Pursue your destiny!” Just maybe, we believers have invested so much time in the pursuit of personal purpose and place that we have overlooked and neglected God’s #1 call to every believer. It is a call that runs parallel to **(Luke 9:23)**, a verse which contains everything we need to fulfill that specific call in **Matthew 28** (deny yourself, take up your cross, follow me). We seem to have lost sight of the fact that we have been given power not just to empower ourselves but also to empower others as well as we are going.

There is nothing wrong with wanting to know our place and purpose in God’s plan, but sometimes in our pursuit of personal purpose and place we lose sight of the most important call on our lives. The Great Commission is God’s plan for every believer, for every person who calls themselves a disciple. “Go ye, therefore,” (KJV) translates “as you are going, and the word “therefore” points back to verse 18. To state it another way, “The power I have I now delegate to you.” Thus, Jesus declares to his disciples: “All power is given to me in heaven and in earth,” and I now give it to you to empower others.

How, then, shall we believers execute this power?

- 1) We are to share the Gospel (**Acts 1:8**). No need to wait until Sunday morning. Wherever you find yourself, as opportunity presents itself, proclaim the Gospel.
- 2) When they hear and repent (change of mind/change of direction), baptize them in the name of the Father (He who so loved that we might not perish), in the name of the Son (He who fulfilled/died that we might live) and in the name of the Holy Spirit (He who empowers us to empower).
- 3) Finally, teach them to observe all things, all that I have commanded you so that they too will be empowered to empower others.

This is the priority purpose for every believer. We have the power to empower others and we do not need the title, collar, platform, podium or sanctuary to do so. Jesus said it, “The harvest is ripe BUT the laborers are few. Take a look at the world’s fields; even a blind person can see that the harvest is decaying. I consider the condition of my field, the sad state of my Jerusalem and I have to ask, “How much of a part have I played in this wretched state of things?” The danger of making purpose for myself first priority rather than making God’s purpose the focal point is this: the world will dissolve into chaos and we will all suffer the repercussions. Where are you going today?

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