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The word "GO" in Mark 16:15, when parsed, means as you are going. Jesus is saying, as you are going (wherever you go), go and proclaim the gospel. The truth in the above verse along with Matthew 28:19-20 is called the Great Commission. Many people read this scripture and think it was just for the apostles or the really good Christians like missionaries and pastors. This commission (commandment) is for all followers of Jesus.

When Jesus tells us, "as you are going" proclaim the gospel, he is meaning to share the GOSPEL in all the places you go. Think of where you normally go about your daily lives and where you live, work, go to school, play, and hang out. God has you in the city and country you live in for a reason. You are not just where you are to work or go to school, just so you can have a good career one day. You are where you are because God placed you there. God wants to use you to join him in the Great Commission of sharing with others the GOOD NEWS of how they can KNOW GOD (have a person RELATIONSHIP with God through Jesus).

Answer the following questions:

Where do you live now? What city and Country?

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Do you work or go to school in this city?

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Where are your favorite places to go and hang out in your free time? The gym, coffee shops, football field?

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Name at least one person you regularly see in each of these places that you can regularly pray for an opportunity to share the GOSPEL with?

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## Ministry of Reconciliation

**Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. - 2 Corinthians 5:18**

NOTICE THE LANGUAGE THE HOLY SPIRIT USES THROUGH THE WRITER PAUL OF OUR MISSION:

- 1- “knowing the fear of the Lord, **we persuade others**” (2 Corinthians 5:11)
- 2- “**gave us the ministry** of reconciliation” (2 Corinthians 5:18)
- 3- “**entrusting to us the message** of reconciliation” (2 Corinthians 5:19)
- 4- “**we are ambassadors** for Christ, God making **his appeal through us**” (2 Corinthians 5:20)

**“WE IMPLOR (BEG) YOU, BE RECONCILED TO GOD!”**

God has not just called us to rescue us from shame and separation and to restore our honor and relationship with himself, but he has called us to share what we have been given with others. The call of God is to join him in his MISSION to reach every nation with the gospel. God is the one who reconciles (restores) his relationship with others, and he invites us to join him in this mission.

<p><b>2 Corinthians 5:14-15</b> English Standard Version (ESV)</p> <p>14 For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.</p> <p><b>English Standard Version (ESV)</b> The Holy Bible, English Standard</p>	<p><b>2 कोरिन्थी 5:14-15</b> Nepali Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-NE)</p> <p>14 ख्रीष्टको प्रेमले हामीलाई वशमा राख्दछ। किनभने हामी जान्दछौं हामी सबैको लागि ख्रीष्टले मृत्युलाई सहनु भयो। 15 ख्रीष्टले सबैको लागि प्राण दिनु भयो जसमा कि अब उसो जो बाँचेकाछन् तिनीहरू आफ्नोलागि मात्र बाँच्न हुँदैन। उहाँले तिनीहरूकै लागि प्राण दिनुभयो औ तिनीहरूकोलागि बौर्याइनु भयो, यसर्थ ती मानिसहरू उहाँको लागि बाँच्नु पर्छ।</p>	<p><b>2 ਕੁਰਿੰਥੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ 5:14-15</b> Punjabi Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-PA)</p> <p>14 ਅਸੀਂ ਮਸੀਹ ਦੇ ਪਿਆਰ ਦੇ ਵੱਸ ਹਾਂ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਅਸੀਂ ਜਾਣਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਸਾਰਿਆਂ ਲਈ ਮਰਿਆ, ਇਸੇ ਲਈ ਸਾਰੇ ਮਰ ਗਏ ਹਨ। 15 ਮਸੀਹ ਸਾਰਿਆਂ ਲਈ ਮਰਿਆ, ਤਾਂ ਜੋ ਜਿਹੜੇ ਲੋਕ ਜਿਉ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ ਆਪ ਲਈ ਜਿਉਣਾ ਬੰਦ ਕਰ ਦੇਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ। ਉਹ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਲਈ ਮਰਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਮੁਰਦਿਆਂ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਜੀ ਉੱਠਿਆ। ਤਾਂ ਜੋ ਉਹ ਲੋਕ ਉਸ ਦੇ ਲਈ ਜਿਉਣ।</p> <p><b>Punjab Bible: Easy-to-Read</b></p>	<p><b>2 कुरिन्थियों 5:14-15</b> Hindi Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-HI)</p> <p>14 हमारा नियन्त्रा तो मसीह का प्रेम है क्योंकि हमने अपने मन में यह धार लिया है कि वह एक व्यक्ति (मसीह) सब लोगों के लिये मरा। अतः सभी मर गये। 15 और वह सब लोगों के लिए मरा क्योंकि जो लोग जीवित हैं, वे अब आगे बस अपने ही लिये न जीते रहें, बल्कि उसके लिये जियें जो मरने के बाद फिर जीवित कर दिया गया।</p> <p><b>Hindi Bible: Easy-to-Read</b></p>
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<sup>14</sup>මස්තිසාද ක්‍රිස්තුස්විනාශයේදී දේශය අත තෙරෙහි බලපවත්වන්නේය; එසේය, එක් කෙනෙක් සියල්ලන් වෙනුවට මැරුණේය කියාත්, එබැවින් සියල්ලෝම මැරුණෝය කියාත්, <sup>15</sup>උන්විනාශයේ සියල්ලන් වෙනුවට මැරුණේ, ජීවත්වන්නන් තවත් තමුන් උදෙසා ජීවත් නොවී, ඔවුන් වෙනුවට මැරී තැවූ තැබුණාටු තැනව්වන්ගේ උදෙසා ජීවත්වන පිණිසය කියාත්, අපි ජීවත්වනොට සියලුම.

What controls us or steers us in the direction of desiring to share the message of Jesus’ death and resurrection for all people?

VS. 14- “THE CONTROLS US.

The message of the gospel is constrained or confined to Jesus as the only Lord and one who can reconcile (restore) man kinds relationship with God. Because Jesus’ love has been given to us and poured into our hearts, we will have the desire to share his love with others.





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<p><b>2 Corinthians 5:18-21</b> English Standard Version (ESV)</p> <p>18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling<sup>(a)</sup> the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.</p> <p><b>Footnotes:</b></p> <p>a. 2 Corinthians 5:19 Or <i>God was in Christ, reconciling</i></p>	<p><b>2 कोरिन्थी 5:18-21</b> Nepali Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-NE)</p> <p>18 यी सब परमेश्वरबाटै हुन्। ख्रीष्टद्वारा, परमेश्वरले हामी र उहाँको माझमा शान्ति बनाउनु भयो। परमेश्वरले हामीलाई मानिसहरू बीच र उहाँसित शान्ति ल्याउने काम दिनु भयो। 19 मेरो भन्नुको तात्पर्य संसार र आफू माझ शान्ति बनाउँदै परमेश्वर ख्रीष्टमा हुनुहुन्थ्यो। ख्रीष्टमा परमेश्वरले मानिसहरूलाई तिनीहरूको पापहरूका निम्ति दोषी ठहराउनु भएन। अनि उहाँले मानिसहरूलाई भन्नुलाई हामीलाई यो शान्ति समाचार दिनु भयो। 20 यसर्थ हामी ख्रीष्टको पक्षमा बोल्न पठाइएका छौं। यो मानिसहरूलाई परमेश्वरले हामी मार्फत बोलाउनु भएको जस्तै हो। हामी ख्रीष्टको निम्ति बोल्छौं अनि परमेश्वरसित शान्ति कायम गर्न तिमीहरूलाई विन्ती गर्छौं। 21 ख्रीष्टमा पाप थिएन। तर परमेश्वरले उहाँलाई पापी बनाउनु भयो। परमेश्वरले यो हाम्रो लागि गर्नुभयो ताकि हामीहरू ख्रीष्टमा परमेश्वरसित धार्मिक रहन सकौं।</p>	<p><b>2 ਕੁਰਿੰਥੀਆਂ ਠੁੰ 5:18-21</b> Punjabi Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-PA)</p> <p>18 ਇਹ ਸਾਰਾ ਕੁਝ ਪਰਮੇਸੁਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਹੈ। ਪਰਮੇਸੁਰ ਨੇ ਮਸੀਹ ਦੇ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸਾਡੇ ਅਤੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਵਿੱਚਕਾਰ ਸਾਂਝੀ ਦਾ ਸੰਬੰਧ ਜੋੜਿਆ ਹੈ। ਅਤੇ ਪਰਮੇਸੁਰ ਨੇ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਉਸ ਵਿੱਚਕਾਰ ਸਾਂਝੀ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਦਾ ਕੰਮ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ। 19 ਭਾਵ ਇਹ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਪਰਮੇਸੁਰ ਮਸੀਹ ਵਿੱਚ ਆਪਣੇ ਅਤੇ ਦੁਨੀਆਂ ਵਿੱਚਕਾਰ ਸਾਂਝੀ ਸਥਾਪਿਤ ਕਰ ਰਿਹਾ ਸੀ। ਮਸੀਹ ਵਿੱਚ ਪਰਮੇਸੁਰ ਨੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਜੁਰਮੀ ਗੁਨਾਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਦਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਠਹਿਰਾਇਆ। ਉਸ ਨੇ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਸਾਂਝੀ ਦਾ ਸੰਦੇਸ਼ ਦਿੱਤਾ। 20 ਲਈ ਅਸੀਂ ਮਸੀਹ ਬਾਰੇ ਗੱਲ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਭੇਜੇ ਗਏ ਹਾਂ। ਇਹ ਇਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਹੈ ਜਿਵੇਂ ਪਰਮੇਸੁਰ ਸਾਡੇ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸੱਦ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਮਸੀਹ ਦੇ ਪੱਖੋਂ ਅਸੀਂ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਬੋਠਤੀ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ; ਪਰਮੇਸੁਰ ਨਾਲ ਸਾਂਝੀ ਬਣਾਓ। 21 ਮਸੀਹ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੋਈ ਪਾਪ ਨਹੀਂ ਸੀ। ਪਰ ਪਰਮੇਸੁਰ ਨੇ ਉਸ ਨੂੰ ਪਾਪ ਬਣਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਪਰਮੇਸੁਰ ਨੇ ਇਹ ਸਾਡੇ ਲਈ ਕੀਤਾ ਸੀ ਤਾਂ ਜੋ ਉਸ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਅਸੀਂ ਪਰਮੇਸੁਰ ਨਾਲ ਧਰਮੀ ਬਣ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਾਂ।</p> <p><b>Punjabi Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-PA)</b></p>	<p><b>2 कुरिन्थियों 5:18-21</b> Hindi Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-HI)</p> <p>18 और फिर ये सब बातें उस परमेश्वर की ओर से हुआ करती हैं, जिसने हमें मसीह के द्वारा अपने में मिला लिया है और लोगों को परमेश्वर से मिलाप का काम हमें सौंपा है। 19 हमारा संदेश है कि परमेश्वर लोगों के पापों की अनदेखी करते हुए मसीह के द्वारा उन्हें अपने में मिला रहा है और उसी ने मनुष्य को परमेश्वर से मिलाने का संदेश हमें सौंपा है। 20 इसलिए हम मसीह के प्रतिनिधि के रूप में काम कर रहे हैं। मानो परमेश्वर हमारे द्वारा तुम्हें चेला रहा है। मसीह की ओर से हम तुमसे विनती करते हैं कि परमेश्वर के साथ मिल जाओ। 21 जो पाप रहित है, उसे उसने इसलिए पाप-बली बनाया कि हम उसके द्वारा परमेश्वर के सामने नेक ठहराये जायें।</p> <p><b>Hindi Bible: Easy-to-Read Version (ERV-HI)</b> 2010 by World Bible Translation Center</p>
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<p>18 සියලුම පැමිණීමේ දෙවියන්වනන්ගේ; උන්වනන්ගේ ක්‍රියාත්මකත්වයේ කරණකොටගෙන තමන්වනන්ගේ සඳහා සම්බන්ධතාවය, සම්බන්ධතාවයේ සේවය අපට දුන්නේය. 19 එනම්, දෙවියන්වනන්ගේ මනුෂ්‍යයන්ගේ වරදවල් මවුන්ගේ ගණනට නොගනි, ක්‍රියාත්මකත්වයේ කරණකොටගෙන ලෝකයා තමන්වනන්ගේ සම්බන්ධතාවයේ සේවය, සම්බන්ධතාවයේ වචනය අපට කාරුණය.</p> <p>සම්බන්ධතාවයේ සේවය.</p> <p>20 එබැවින් දෙවියන්වනන්ගේ අප ලබා ඉල්ලන්නාගේ අපි ක්‍රියාත්මකත්වයේ වෙනුවෙන් කාරුණයේව සිටිමු. දෙවියන්වනන්ගේ හා සම්බන්ධතාවයේ ක්‍රියාත්මකත්වයේ වෙනුවෙන් ක්‍රියාත්මකත්වයේ ඉල්ලමු. 21 අප උන්වනන්ගේ කුසු දෙවියන්වනන්ගේ වරදවල් නොගනිමු. එනම් සඳහා නොදන්නා වූ උන්වනන්ගේ අප වෙනුවට ආපසු වෙන් [දෙවියන්වනන්ගේ] සැලැස්සුණේය.</p>
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According to verse 18, God has given us the ministry of what? \_\_\_\_\_

**Definitions:**  
**Reconcile**= katallassō (verb)- To change, exchange (coins for equal value), to restore to favor, to restore a relationship.  
**Reconciliation**= Exchange, adjustment of a difference





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In verse 20, who does it say we are for Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

"We are Ambassadors for Christ"- We are God's chosen people to proclaim the Good News that Jesus can reconcile our relationship with God.

Definition:

**Ambassador** = Presbeuo – Elder (older person), a representative (someone who speaks on behalf of another person), a preacher

What are we to do as God's ambassadors? \_\_\_\_\_

- 1- "God making his appeal through us"- God uses us to be his mouth to communicate his message (the gospel) to others.
- 2- "We implore You, be reconciled to God"- God wants us to implore (beg) people to be reconciled to God. **THERE IS A SENSE OF URGENCY TO TELL PEOPLE ABOUT JESUS AND WHAT HE HAS DONE TO BE RECONCILED TO GOD ("knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others"-2 Cor 5:11)**

Definitions:

"God making his **Appeal**"= Parakaleo – To call to one self, to speak, to beg,

"We **Implore** You"= deomai – to ask or beg

" Be **Reconciled** to God"= katallassō (verb)- To change, exchange (coins for equal value), to restore to favor, to restore a relationship

**Reconciliation**= Exchange, adjustment of a difference

**What is the message of reconciliation according to 2 Corinthians 5:18-21?**

- 1- "For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that **one has died for all**, therefore all have died;<sup>15</sup> and **he died for all**, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who **for their sake died and was raised**. – verse 14&15
- 2- "In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, **not counting their trespasses against them,**"- verse 19
- 3- "For our sake **he made him to be sin** who knew no sin so that **in him we might become the righteousness of God.**"

**What is the message of reconciliation?**

It is the message of the Gospel: 1- WHO JESUS IS (THE LORD GOD), 2- WHAT JESUS HAS DONE (SUBSTITUTED HIS HONORABLE LIFE, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION) FOR US, 3- WHAT WE DO ("BE RECONCILED TO GOD" THROUGH FOLLOWING JESUS AS OUR ONLY LORD GOD AND TRUSTING THAT HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION WAS SUFFICIENT TO RECONCILE OR RESTORE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.)



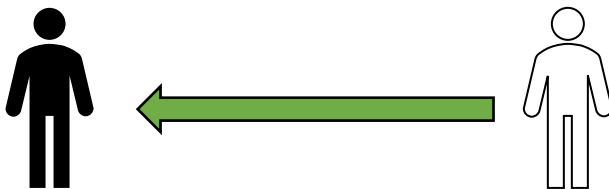
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In 2 Corinthians 5:21, we see the greatest demonstration of love and grace demonstrated through the substitution of Jesus Christ in the place of sinners. Notice there is a double substitution that is taking place. He takes our place and we take his place.

- 1- **“For our sake, he made him (Jesus) to be sin, who knew no sin”**. Jesus was substituting himself in our place and treated as a sinner and was put to shame and separated from God the Father.

Unrighteous Sinner (Me)

Righteous (Jesus)



- 2- **“So that in him we might become the righteousness of God”**. Jesus substituted himself in our place so we could be treated as though we are righteous and given Jesus' honorable record.

Me (Declared Righteous)

Jesus (Declared Guilty Sinner)





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## Why Go?

Romans 10:13-17

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

<sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" <sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

According to Romans 10:13, What must a person do to be saved?

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**Look back at Romans 10:9-10 in your Bible and answer the following questions:**

What does a person need to confess (agree with God) to be saved from sin, shame, and separation from God?

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What does a person need to believe (trust in) to be justified (declared right with God)?

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We know from the above verses in Romans 10 and other passages such as Acts 16:31, Romans 3:22 and Galatians 2:16 that a person must believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus and trust in him in order to be saved and come into relationship with God. A natural expression of faith in Jesus is to call on his name.

Let us listen to the words of the Holy Spirit through the above verses to understand why God chooses to use us to share the GOSPEL with others. Let's read the questions in verses 14& 15 and see what the Spirit of God is saying the supernatural expression of how saving faith comes about.

Answer in your own words verse 14a, "How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed?"

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Verse 14b "And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?"

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Verse 14c "And how are they to hear without someone preaching?"

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Verse 15a "And how are they to preach unless they are sent?"



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**The answer to the above questions is answered in verse 15:**

Verse 15b, "As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!' " God is saying, we have been invited to join him in his work of bringing others into relationship with him. It is a beautiful thing to join God in this work. It is a privilege and God sees us as having beautiful feet in this way.

### **WHEREVER THE GOSPEL IS GOING TO GO, IT IS GOING TO GO IN US**

So, why go? How can a person be saved without someone telling them? They cannot be saved. That is the point of Romans 10:13-17. A person cannot be saved from sin and come to KNOW God if they have never heard of him to believe and trust in him.

**According to Romans 10:17, how does faith come?**

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." - Romans 10:17

**Who do we have to hear about to have saving faith?** \_\_\_\_\_

The Gospel must be spoken as well as lived out. Why GO? Because we must go and speak so that others can hear so they have the opportunity to choose to trust Christ. I heard a lot of different opinions on evangelism when I was in Bible College and through reading books and talking to many people. There was a popular evangelistic approach called lifestyle evangelism. The main approach is that your life will be a testimony for Christ and people will know you are a Christian. Then they will be attracted to you and want to ask you more questions about your faith. The main point of this is good. Every believer should live out a life devoted to Christ full of love and being separated from the world, but if the lifestyle is not married to a mouth that is speaking the gospel, people still cannot be saved. The GOSPEL must be spoken and heard. In my opinion, a lot of people use this excuse because they are afraid of offending or they are scared to open their mouths for fear of what people may think. I believe our sharing of Christ should without fail to be coupled with a truly Godly lifestyle. I have had people ask me if I was a Christian when I was working during my college years because of my lifestyle choices. But, if I just confessed my faith in Jesus to them but never told them how they can KNOW Jesus, they still cannot be saved. The gospel must be spoken.

If the gospel is going to go, then it is going to go in us. We must open our mouths and speak the gospel for people to be saved. God could write the gospel in the sky or come down and speak to each person, however, he has chosen to use us.



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## Where to GO?

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Where do I GO? START WHERE YOU ARE. In Acts 1:8, Jesus spoke the words to the disciples to "GO" be witnesses starting in Jerusalem. That is where they were at the time. Remember at the beginning of this study I asked you the questions, where do you live, work or go to school, and hang out regularly. That is where you need to start. God has placed you in the place you are right now to share the GOSPEL with those around you. As you are faithful to the circle God has placed you in, he will then expand your area of influence if he chooses. Notice in Acts, 1:8 Jesus says the disciples will be his "witnesses in Jerusalem (starting where they are currently living life in their city) and in Judea (which included the larger county or region that Jerusalem was in) and Samaria (the region or area directly above Judea), and to the end of the earth (all other countries, nations, and people groups). Start where you are and ask God where else he wants you to GO.

## Who DO I Tell?

LISTEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT, OBEY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Refer again to Acts 1:8, where do we get the power to GO and be God's witnesses?

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Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

According to Matthew 28:19-20, Who will be with us always?

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God will never ask you to do something he is not willing to go through with you and that includes sharing the gospel. God is at work throughout the world and we want to join him. We need God's Spirit to guide us, give us power and wisdom when to speak, what to speak, and how to speak (say things clearly).





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## How do I know when the Holy Spirit is speaking to me?

### I Corinthians 2:11-16

For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. <sup>13</sup> And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup> The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup> The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. <sup>16</sup> "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Read I Corinthians 2:11-16 and answer the following questions:

In 1 Corinthians 2:11, who comprehends (understands) the thoughts of God?

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According to I Corinthians 2:12, why is the Holy Spirit given to us?

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In 1 Corinthians 2:16 who understands God's mind? What have we been given?

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So, according to I Corinthians 2:11-16, God has given us the Holy Spirit and has given us the mind of Christ. This means we can begin to think the way God thinks about things and to hear from him. We must understand that God is giving us his thoughts and desires as we grow in him. 2 Peter 1:4 says, we have "become partakers of the divine nature". God is putting thoughts in our minds all the time.

## How do I know if what I am thinking is from God, from my flesh or the devil?

I John 4:1 says, "but test the spirits to see whether they are from God". Not all thoughts even as a follower of Jesus are from God. How do we test our thoughts to see if what we are thinking is from God? 1 John 4:2 goes on to say, "By this, you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God". First, we can tell if what we are thinking is



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proclaiming Jesus as Lord and savior. That is clear, but what about when it pertains to hearing God's voice on when, where, and how to effectively share the GOSPEL.

One way that I have learned to test God's Spirit when it comes to thoughts in my mind, and trying to discern if it is the right time and place for me to share the gospel is to ask the following 3 questions:

- 1- Would the devil tell me to do this? If yes, then I know it is not from God.
- 2- Would I naturally do what I am thinking in my flesh? Would I want to do this if I did not have God's Spirit?
- 3- Would what I am thinking to be obedient to God's Word if I were to do it?

#### 2 Corinthians 10:5

We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

Ultimately, the above 3 questions fall under the last question which is, does my thought obey Christ and what is in his word? So, when I have a thought in my mind like, "GO share Jesus with that person" or "GO pray for that person in Jesus name", I have to ask the questions. Would the devil ask me to share the Gospel with anyone? Never, he would do the opposite. As 1 John 4:2 says when testing the spirits, "every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God". Would I naturally think to share Jesus with the lost in my flesh? Never, I would not naturally desire to share the gospel because of fear of rejection or not wanting to offend. Would sharing the gospel be obedient to God's word? Absolutely yes, God commands it (Matt 28:19&20, Mark 16:15, 2 Corinthians 5:18-20).

When God's Spirit prompts you or gives you a thought to share the gospel with someone, ask the Holy Spirit to fill you and take control, obey his Spirit and do it.

**FROM MY EXPERIENCE, WHEN WE OBEY GOD'S VOICE, WE WILL BEGIN TO HEAR HIS VOICE MORE AND MORE CLEARLY AS WE OBEY.**

**<sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." John 14:21**

**<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him". John 14:23**



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### Pray for Open Doors to Share the GOSPEL

Colossians 2:2-6

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. <sup>3</sup> At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— <sup>4</sup> that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

<sup>5</sup> Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. <sup>6</sup> Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

In Colossians 2:2-3, what does Paul ask the church at Colossi to pray for?

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What does Paul want God to open the door for him to declare according to verse 3? \_\_\_\_\_

What else does Paul ask the people to pray once he is able to share the word, and declare Christ?

1- "That I may make it \_\_\_\_\_".

2- "How I ought to \_\_\_\_\_".

Paul is praying that God would give him divine appointments and open doors for conversation about Jesus. He is also asking that God would show him how to "speak" so that the gospel will be "clear" so that the ones who hear will understand.

What other things does the Holy Spirit tell us through the Apostle Paul's writings in Colossians 2:5&6?

These have more to do with how you share the gospel and not as much what you say, which we will talk about more later. Fill in the blanks:

1- "Walk in \_\_\_\_\_ towards outsiders" (unbelievers) – Verse 5

2- "Make the best use of your \_\_\_\_\_" – Verse 5. What do you think this means?

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3- "Let your speech always be \_\_\_\_\_, seasoned with \_\_\_\_\_" – Verse 6

**And why according to verse 6 should we do the above things?**

"So that you \_\_\_\_\_ to answer each person. Pray for God's help to open conversations and give you wisdom in what to say so the gospel will be clear, and how to say it so they will receive it and not be turned away.



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### WHAT TO TELL?

Mark 16:15

"And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation'."

What does Mark 16:15 tell us to proclaim as we are going? \_\_\_\_\_

#### What is the Gospel?

As we learned in the KNOW section of this study, the Gospel is WHO JESUS IS, WHAT JESUS DID, and WHAT WE DO to benefit from what God did. God did everything, what we do is trust in what God did. Remember, the GOSPEL=JESUS and JESUS = GOSPEL.

The gospel is summed up in 3 hope-filled truths

- 1- **Who Jesus is - GOD THE SON** (Jesus is God in human flesh. God's glory (likeness) is revealed in the face of Jesus. Jesus should be honored in our hearts as Lord God).
- 2- **What Jesus did - EVERYTHING** (God put forth Jesus to substitute his perfect honorable life, death, and resurrection to be our substitution and take our sin, shame, and separation we deserve).
- 3- **What we do – TRUST IN JESUS AND WHAT HE DID** (Honor Jesus as our Lord, and accept, by faith that Jesus perfect honorable life, death, and resurrection was sufficient to present us honorable and bring us into a relationship with God).



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2 Cor 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of **Christ, who is the image of God**. <sup>5</sup>For what **we proclaim** is not ourselves, but **Jesus Christ as Lord**, with ourselves as your servants<sup>[a]</sup> for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the **glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ**.

Who are we to proclaim Jesus Christ as according to 2 Corinthians 4:5? \_\_\_\_\_

ROMANS 10:9&10

because, if you **confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord** and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

What does the above verse say we need to confess (agree with God) about who Jesus is?  
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2. **What Jesus did - EVERYTHING** (God put forth Jesus to substitute his perfect honorable life, death, and resurrection to be our substitution and take our sin, shame, and separation we deserve).

1 Corinthians 15:1-6

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you -unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that **Christ died for our sins** in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was **raised on the third day** in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

I Corinthians 1:23 "but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,"

I Corinthians 2:2 "For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."

What do the above 3 passages say is the most important thing to proclaim about Jesus (the GOSPEL)?



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### 3. What We Do – HONOR JESUS AS LORD & TRUST IN WHAT HE DID

(Honor Jesus as our Lord, and accept, by faith that Jesus perfect honorable life, death, and resurrection was sufficient to present us honorable and bring us into a relationship with God).

#### ACTS 16:30&31

Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> And they said, "**Believe** in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

What does the above verses say we must do to be saved?

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#### ROMANS 10:9&10

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According to the above verse, is it important to believe Jesus is risen from the dead?

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What does verse 10 say happens to the one who believes?

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**Justified-** (Greek dikaioo, verb: present passive participle) something that has been done to us and is a continual state of being. Passive means we don't do this, it is being done to us by someone else) Declared righteous, proclaimed not guilty, to be called innocent or right. Used in a courtroom setting where a judge pronounces an accused criminal to not be guilty and freed from all judgment and punishment.



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### John 6:27-29

Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

Refer to Memory Verse Chart to see more verses sharing WHAT WE DO: TRUST IN GOD AND WHAT HE DID.

## GO to the Nations!

### Matthew 28:19&20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

### Mark 16:15

"And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation'."

## Ask God How He Would Use You to GO to the Nations

Notice I said, ask how he would use you, not if he wants to use you. This is a deception from the Devil that God only wants to use the select chosen few to GO into all the world. God wants to use you in some way to spread the gospel to the Nations.



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## GO BY SENDING OR GO BY GOING

### Send Others to the Nations

#### PRAY

Matthew 9:37&38

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Pray that God will raise up others who are willing to go and pray for them the hear his voice and go.

#### GIVE

Philippians 1:4-7

Always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

Paul was being supported by the Philippian church as he went out on his missionary journeys. Notice how he says they are partners with him in the gospel. Did you know that you can be an effective missionary to the nations by sending others to go on their feet? Paul says in verse 7 above that his senders are "partakers" with him "of grace". The grace of God that was giving him boldness to speak and the will to go was the same grace that his senders had been given to send him.





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## GO TO THE NATIONS How do I know if God wants me to Go?

**Test the Waters:** Go on a short-term mission trip and see what God does in you. See if you begin to have a heart for missions. When you get back from your trip test your heart and see if you have a desire to go on another trip. Go on a temporary mission's trip (3-6 months) and see if God begins to change your heart and give you the desire to go more long term.

**Pray:** Ask God to give you his heart for the lost (I promise he will do this, he did it for me). Ask him how he wants to use you to obey his command to GO to the nations. Start by being a Sender and then if you have a desire to go somewhere then talk to the Lord about it and ask him to reveal his will.

**Start Where You Are:** Step out of your comfort zone and share Jesus where you are. If you are not a faithful witness where you are, then you will not be a faithful one when you go.



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## Jonathan's Story

### Divine Desire

Psalm 37:4&5

Delight yourself in the Lord,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the Lord;  
trust in him, and he will act.

God can change your desires. If you have a desire to do something or go somewhere to share the gospel then start to pray. If the desire does not go away after several months or even years, then continue to delight in God, seek him in his word and through prayer, and ask him to fulfill the desire or take it away. As verse 5 above says, "commit your way to the Lord, trust in him, and he will act."

### Divine Discontentment

Luke 10:33

But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.

Pity (Moved in the Bowels). Ask God where he wants to take you when you are discontent with where you are at. This discontentment must be bathed in the bath of prayer and fasting. God will move in you until he is pleased with where you are.



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## Role Play

### Scenario 1:

You are a waiter at a restaurant and one of your co-workers asks you if you are a Christian. They tell you they notice you are different because you do not use foul language or talk about sexual things when everybody else does. They proceed to ask you how they can know they are going to heaven.

There follow up question after you share the gospel is: do I have to stop sleeping around and having sex with other people in to be a Christian?

What do you say?

### Scenario 2:

You are home from Bible school over the holiday and one of your cousins approaches you and says, "I heard you are in Bible school". They say, "You know that is great, but I believe all religions lead to the same place. As long as we are good people, we will all get to heaven".

What do you say?

### Scenario 3:

One of your best friends from high school calls you one day and says they want to talk. They tell you their spouse just left them and that they hate life. They tell you they don't even believe there is a god and that they want their life to end.

What do you say?

### Scenario 4:

You are at a gas station filling your cup up, and a man walks up to you holding a gas can and asks you to give him a ride back to his car which is broken down on the highway. You get to his car and his wife is sitting in the car. You help him put the gas in the car and the Holy Spirit tells you to share Jesus with them.

What do you say?