

AS WE GO...

The Lord Jesus Christ commanded all of us who are His disciples to go into all the world and share the wonderful Gospel of salvation and forgiveness.

Matthew 29:18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore **go** and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Mark 16:15 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

This is a command to all believers. The issue is not should I go? Am I called to go? The command is to go. We go in obedience to His command. We all have our marching orders.

As we go...

We go by faith

Faith is seeing the invisible. In John chapter 6 the Lord Jesus is giving His disciples a difficult task. They had to prepare supper for more than 5000 people in the mountains. So they looked around for food and Andrew found a small boy with a little food and brought him to Jesus and said:

"Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" John 6:9

It seemed an impossible task to the disciples. Philip had done some quick calculations and told Jesus, "Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" John 6:7

The disciples looked at the visible.

The big crowd of people who were hungry.

Their assignment to feed these people.

The little food available and lack of funds to buy more.

Their conclusion? Impossible Lord! It cannot be done.

The Lord Jesus looked at the invisible.

He looked at His heavenly father with whom nothing was impossible

He looked at the power of His heavenly Father to multiply the little food available

The Lord Jesus stepped out by faith.

He told the people to sit down and get ready to eat
He held the food in His hands
He gave thanks to His heavenly father
And began to distribute

The result?

A Mighty miracle took place
They all ate as much as they wanted
There were 12 baskets full of bread left over.

We go in His strength and power

Even though we are weak and do not feel capable we remember the words of our Master
“I will never leave you nor forsake you”.

We go with the assurance that the One who is in us is greater than the one who is in the world. (1 John 4:4) and we go with the conviction that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us (Philippians 4:13)

As we do the possible – go and obey, He does the impossible.

We go in His victory

The Lord is no loser. He is always victorious. We go remembering that “In all things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us” Roman 8:37. By faith we experience victory after victory not only in our personal walk but also in the battle for the souls of men and women, boys and girls. God is not willing that any perish but that all come to repentance and salvation (2 Peter 3:9)

We go on the promise of His provision

We go knowing that our God will meet all our needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19). We prepare to go and make definite plans to go and then see the provisions of our Lord. Never wait for money and only then prepare to go. This is not walking by faith. Remember faith is seeing the invisible.

We go and never turn back

We move ahead by faith and do not look back. The Lord told His disciples, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62) Paul is our example of going forward by faith. This is what he said: “But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:13-14)