

## Never would have Made it; Without You

*Matthew 10:1-6 King James Version (KJV)*

**10** *And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. <sup>2</sup> Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; <sup>3</sup> Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him. <sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: <sup>6</sup> But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*

Giving Honor to God the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. To All of God's Sons, Daughters, and Children. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow. Let's turn to Matthew, Chapter 6 as we lift up the Name of the Lord.

***In this unit of scripture, Jesus appoints twelve disciples to be apostles ("sent out ones"), to heal the sick, cast out demons, and preach the Gospel.***

When you think about it... God has always given us talents, skills, and spiritual gifts, and sent us into the world to represent His glorious kingdom, to tell people about Him, to assist others, and to make this world a better place. You may not think you have much to offer, but if you're doing what God wants you to do, He will do what you can't do, and bring about the desired objective.

I came to tell you this morning that God is real. I realize that I never would have made it without Jesus Christ. I would have lost it all, but now I see that the Lord was there for me. I'm stronger. I'm wiser, I'm better, much better. Can I get a witness? Have you ever been sick and it seemed like you couldn't get well? Has the Lord healed your body? Have you ever gone through a season of lack and the

Lord supplied your needs? Have you ever been ostracized on the job or had your name dug through the mud? Then, the Lord showed you a Love and a friendship like no other? Have you ever felt like you just couldn't get out of the rut of life, sin, and helplessness; then the Lord reached way down and picked you back up again?

My sisters and brothers, I found strength in understanding that the Lord Jesus Christ is real. I believe it and I receive it. You know the Word of God (Bible) teaches us that we must worship Christ as Lord of our lives. And if someone asks about our hope as a believer, we should always be ready to explain it. (1 Peter 3:15). You might say, preacher what should I say to them? Thank You, I'm so glad you asked. Well, it's right there in the Apostles Creed. It shares exactly what we believe. "I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day He arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty: from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church Universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen."

I woke up this morning "Thanking the Lord for His Grace and Mercy." I realize Big Bethel Nation that you're here and I'm here. Good God Almighty, Isn't God Awesome. He's blessed us in the midst of a pandemic. He's kept food on the table and clothes on our backs. He's made a way out of no-way. Hallelujah, Glory to God, He has heard your prayer. He's heard my prayer. He's forgiven our sins and cleaned us from all unrighteousness. I believe it and I receive it. Yes, Yes, Yes.

As I close, Romans 6:20-22, says <sup>20</sup> When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life.

My brothers and sisters, I can shout all day just on that scripture. Knowing that the end is eternal life. Well, Big Bethel... I'm stronger, I'm wiser, I'm better, so much better. (I made it.) I never would have made it. I never could have made it without you (Jesus). Never would have made it, without you. I would have lost it all. But now I see that you were there for me. Hallelujah to the Lamb of God.

Beloved, it's time to come out of the storm and the rain. At one time or another, we were all lost and in that same storm. Christ is available to you with open arms. The scripture: Romans 10:9 declares that 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. Please allow the Lord Jesus Christ to come into your heart today. J-E-S-U-S is the way to life, life more abundantly, and eternal life.