

Send Me; I'll Go

Matthew 10 (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.² 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;³ Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;⁴ Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.⁵ 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: ⁶ 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. As we look at the text Matthew 10:1-6, we are reminded that Jesus sent out the twelve disciples. I'd like to tag this didactic sermon with the title "Send Me; I'll Go."

In today's didactic message, it's important for us to understand that Jesus had the gift of love and inspiration. He tells the disciples to come and follow Him. And they came and followed Him. On this particular day, Jesus appointed twelve disciples to be apostles. The term apostle means "sent ones." In the previous chapter (Matthew Chapter 9), Jesus heals a paralytic man and tells him to take up his bed and walk. In chapter 9 of the Gospel of Matthew; the disciples met the woman with the issue of blood. They had an opportunity to witness the divine healing power of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Messiah; the son of the God. He has authority to forgive sins. Rather than just speak that He has the power to forgive sins, Jesus proves it by healing the paralytic man, commanding him to "Stand Up, take up your bed, and go home." (NRSV) Have you ever witnessed the Lord's healing power in your life or the life of someone else? Can you see the Lord's ability to deliver the man and us out of a bad situation? The man was paralyzed. He witnessed the love and inspiration of the Lord Jesus. Stand up. Even in the midst of a tough situation, we've got to stand up. Secondly, we must take up or confront the situation. The

man had to get personal with his condition, therefore he had to take up his bed, (which was his crutch in many ways). Thirdly, he went home. What type of celebration or testimony do you think he had? If you would allow me to use my theological mind, I believe he may have sang, "I'm doing the best I can with what I got, cause God can take a little and turn it into a lot. I'm doing the best I can with what I got."

Saints, on this day, Jesus appointed the 12. He blessed them, telling them to go out and to heal the sick, cast out demons, and to preach the Gospel. If you're willing to receive it, beloved, God has also blessed you mightily. 'O you've got a charge to keep. A God to glorify. A never dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky.' The Lord has blessed you with spiritual gifts, talents, and unique skills. He has also sent you out into this world to heal the sick, cast out demons, and to preach the Gospel. You may feel that you don't have much to offer, but I encourage you this morning to turn it over to Jesus. ***Do the best you can, with what you've got, "Cause God can take a little, and turn it into a lot". Do the best you can with what you've got.*** Again, you may feel that you don't have much to offer, but if you're doing what God called you to do; I believe He will do what you can't do, and bring about the miraculous. If you will make up in your heart; "Lord, Send Me, I'll Go." Take a step on that next level of faith for God. Witness to others about the Goodness of Christ. You are a vital part of this Great Commission. **Will you allow the Lord to Send You today?**

In closing, Jesus was sent for us. The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is Eternal Life. Jesus is the perfect sacrifice. According to John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life". If you have not received Him (Jesus Christ), as your Lord and savior; do it today. Hallelujah, Amen.