

Who Shall I Send?

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Luke 9:1-3

¹ When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, ² and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. ³ He told them: “Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra shirt.

There are many people in this world that are empowered to perform feats or jobs that are for the benefit of others. Doctors take a Hippocratic Oath to be a factor for healing others. Lawyers study and have to pass the BAR exam in order to be the ones who are supposed to make sure there is true justice for all. Preachers are empowered to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In this passage of scriptures, disciples are being empowered to go and be the ambassadors of Christ. They are given the power and authority to do what Jesus did, proclaiming the Kingdom of God and performing miracles.

God has been sending people to do His work throughout the Bible. In the Old Testament He used the prophets to bring His word to the people. I'm reminded of the prophet Isaiah in Chapter 6 of his book where he saw a vision of the Lord seated on His throne. His first response to the vision was that he was not worthy to witness the Lord because of his sin. The action of the Lord was to immediately cleanse Isaiah of his sin because the Lord had a purpose for him. God commissioned him to speak warning to His people of what is to come because of their many sins. God asked Isaiah, “whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Isaiah was so grateful to God for his cleansing that he responded, “Here I am; send me.”

In the New Testament God used His disciples (us). Just as Jesus empowered the disciples to go and do the work of the Lord, He requires us to go and proclaim the kingdom of God and perform miracles. Here's the good news! The fact is that we don't have to fear, doubt, or worry if we have what it takes or what we need. He told the disciples to take nothing with them for the journey. Why? Because God will supply all of their needs. If God, did it for the disciples back then, He will surely do the same for us today. Life giving and world changing power has been placed in our hands. My prayer is that every day, we, His disciples will say “Yes Lord, send me!!”