

VERSE OF THE WEEK: PSALM 89:15-16 NLT “HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO HEAR THE JOYFUL CALL TO WORSHIP, FOR THEY WILL WALK IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR PRESENCE. THEY REJOICE ALL DAY LONG IN YOUR WONDERFUL REPUTATION...”

## Mandate- An official order or commission to do something.

As believers, we have an order? A commission? Or does our calling confine us in a spiritual coffin? In other words, are we dead to the needs of those around us?

### Matthew 28:18-19 New Living Translation

<sup>18</sup> Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, ( or all peoples) baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

This is the mandate or what is commonly known as the GREAT COMMISSION.

My biggest fear is the great commission has turned into the great omission. A “**commission**” is “**an authoritative command; a directive.**” When Jesus spoke these words directly to His disciples, and indirectly to us, He was giving the church her marching orders. He was telling us exactly what He expected us to do in His physical absence. The disciples took the Lord’s command seriously. They went into the world and shared the Gospel of Jesus and thousands upon thousands were saved by the grace of God. Their message was so powerful and their witness so effective that their critics accused them of “**turning the world upside down**”, **Acts 17:6.**

**The Great Omission.** When something is “**omitted**”, it is “**left out, undone, neglected**”. Instead of taking the Gospel to the ends of the earth as the Lord commanded, the modern church won’t even take the Gospel to the end of the street. Consider the following: 95% of all Christians have never won a soul to Christ. 80% of all Christians do not consistently witness for Christ. Less than 2% are involved in the ministry of evangelism. 71% do not give toward the financing of The Great Commission.

Interesting that Jesus was sending the Holy Spirit to empower the disciples to do what that they didn't have the ability to do; **GO MAKE DISCIPLES**

Stop for a moment: You have been called by God to do something. It is not Sheryl or I, but God telling us all to do something.

He is giving us a Divine Mandate.

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### 1. **WE HAVE A DIVINE MANDATE**

**Our mandate is to make,** create, develop and mold. He told his disciples to make disciples. To duplicate, copy as in exact replicas.

- The mandate of The Great Commission is to “**Go**”. This is a word of action!

We cannot “**go**” if we are sitting still. We cannot “**go**” if we stay where we are. We cannot “**go**” if we do not make a move.

- This verb literally means “**as you go**”. As we pass through this world, we are to carry the Gospel message with us, sharing it with everyone we meet along the way. There are two ways we can do this.
  1. **It involves our Lifestyle – Matt. 5:13-16.** Like salt, our life should create a thirst in people for the Lord. Our joy, our peace, our differences from the world should cause them to want to know why we are like we are. Our lives should be like a great spotlight which directs its beam toward Jesus. If He is the focus of our lives, men will see Him lived out through our life's day by day!
  2. **It involves our Lips –** We are told to “**teach**”. That word has the idea of “**making disciples or to instruct**”. We are to live the right kind of life, but we are also told to share our faith. We are to tell a lost world what Jesus did for us when He saved us and what He can do for them, if they will trust Him as we did. It is not enough to just show it, we must also say it!

**Mark 16:15** says this, “**Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**” The word “**preach**” comes from a world that means “**to herald**”. Like a king's herald, we are to pass through the

highways and byways of life lifting our voices to declare the Gospel of grace!

The word “**preach**” means that it is a command. It means that you are to be involved in carrying out this command. It means that it is something we are supposed to be doing all the time.

- While D. L. Moody was attending a convention in Indianapolis on mass evangelism, he asked his song leader Ira Sankey to meet him at 6 o'clock one evening at a certain street corner. When Sankey arrived, Mr. Moody asked him to stand on a box and sing. Once a crowd had gathered, Moody spoke briefly and then invited the people to follow him to the nearby convention hall. Soon the auditorium was filled with spiritually hungry people, and the great evangelist preached the gospel to them. Then the convention delegates began to arrive. Moody stopped preaching and said, “Now we must close, as the brethren of the convention wish to come and discuss the topic, ‘How to reach the masses.’” Moody graphically illustrated the difference between talking about doing something and going out and doing it.

## Genesis 1:26-28 New Living Translation

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make human beings **in our image, to be like us.** They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth,<sup>[b]</sup> and the small animals that scurry along the ground.” <sup>27</sup> So God created human beings<sup>[c]</sup> in his own image. In the image of God, he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them and said, “**Be fruitful and multiply.** Fill the earth and govern it. ( NIV says be fruitful and increase in number) Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.”

The original commission in the Old Testament was no different than the New Testament. **Create Copies**

**There is something powerful and directional when you answer the call of God who has commissioned you to create something out of his creation!!!!**

**Being created in the image of God is not as in facial recognition but to rule, reign and walk in authority. The church is not the world's doormat or punching bag. Believe it or not , if they Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven is legit, then it is implemented by those who are granted authority.**

When you are given a commission and you accept and are given the authority to do it, you are also empowered to enforce it.

Bill Johnson said, "Adam and Eve were to represent God on earth. Their position on earth was not instead of God, but because of God. We can only release the benefit of God's rule flowing through us to the degree that His rule is over us."

**In other words, Authority comes from being under authority**

How many of you are captivated by the call and commission of God on your life?

When I said, this next move of God will be a revival of restoration. That is not limited to people coming back to God, but believers walking in their divine authority as legit representatives of righteousness.

### **Luke 4:6-8 New Living Translation**

<sup>6</sup> "I will give you the glory of these kingdoms and authority over them," the devil said, "because they are mine to give to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> I will give it all to you if you will worship me."<sup>8</sup> Jesus replied, "The Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'<sup>[a]</sup>"

**NIV** <sup>6</sup> And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; **it has been given to me**, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup> If you worship me, it will all be yours."

Thanks to Adam and Eve, they gave away authority to the devil. By their disobedience, they relinquished the power and authority and lost dominion. The perks of the cross were Jesus took back what the devil stole and has given it back to his creation. If we just read the instructions in the manual, we might know how to use the power again!!!!

### Matthew 9:6-8 New Living Translation

<sup>6</sup> So I will prove to you that the Son of Man<sup>[a]</sup> has the authority on earth to forgive sins.” Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!”<sup>7</sup> And the man jumped up and went home! <sup>8</sup> Fear swept through the crowd as they saw this happen. And they praised God for **giving humans such authority**.

Did you know this is part of the revival of restoration? God bringing you back to take you forward!!

YOUR DESTINY IS NOT JUST TO READ THE BIBLE BUT BE THE BIBLE  
NIHV New International Human Version Is it too much to ask that I get so wrapped up in the bible that I become a human version of it?

### Hebrews 2:14-15 New Living Translation

<sup>14</sup> Because God’s children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had<sup>[a]</sup> the power of death. <sup>15</sup> Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

RHONDA had a word about alignment. What I got out of it was not a judicial alignment; submit or be slaughtered. It was an alignment of restorative power. It was us tapping back into *his* power.

If we would align our thoughts to God’s thoughts, we might have a different outlook on his creation.

### Ephesians 3:10-11 New Living Translation

<sup>10</sup> God's purpose in all this was to use **the church** to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup> This was his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord

NKJV" that **now** the [a] manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the [b] principalities and powers in the heavenly *places*, <sup>11</sup> according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord

Did you know that the manifold wisdom of God is bound up in the people of God waiting to be released? IF the church would ever wake up and quit belly gazing and trying to correct other people, they may get a clear understanding what they have and how they can be an instrument of change and restoration.

### Ephesians 2:1-3 New Living Translation

<sup>1</sup> **Once you were dead** because of your disobedience and your many sins. <sup>2</sup> You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world.[a] He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. <sup>3</sup> **All of us used to live that way,** following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else

<sup>4</sup> But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, <sup>5</sup> that even though we were dead because of our sins, **he gave us life** when he raised Christ from the dead.

His new Life has now become your new life "IF" you embrace it. You can have him living in you the way he desires or wear him on the outside like many do; taking him off like clothes at the end of the day.

### Luke 14:26-27 New Living Translation

<sup>26</sup> “If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple.

Jesus was not calling them into a religion, he was telling them to drop it, leave it and forget it and embrace him!!!

Hate in the Greek is a comparison word. (MISEO) to detest on a comparative basis. Hence, denounce. To love someone or something less than someone or something.

In a nutshell, We and our old life and old way of doing things, died with him on the cross. Taking up our cross is a reminder to remember what redemption was all about! REPLACING the OLD with the NEW!

Discipleship does not come from works of righteousness but from the fact that you are a new creation!!!

Our mandate is not to proclaim behavior modification. It is to introduce people to Jesus! We get things all messed up when we tell people what to do. You don't like it and neither does anyone else.

Take a lesson from the Woman at the well, “Let me tell you about Jesus and what he did in my life”

Challenge-Go on Facebook and share your testimony each night for 7 days.

The mandate goes beyond positive thinking, psychological and 10 steps to a better you!

The mandate is liberating, personal, regenerative, and transformational!

The mandate is inspiring, encouraging, loving and compassionate.

1 Corinthians 2:4 New Living Translation

Paul said, <sup>4</sup> **And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit**

Romans 12: 1 **12** And so, dear brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a

living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>2</sup> Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Being a disciple and making a disciple is more than renewing your thoughts and going to a Bible College; it is about a complete transformation having your mind reprogramed!

Brian Simmons said, The Greek word for 'repent' is "metanonia" and means more than changing ones mind. It means, "to take another mind" Every believer needs to turn from his/her own error and take "another mind." The Mind of Christ.

Discipleship is more than education, seminars. It is about coming under the mentorship of the Messiah Jesus!!

We don't want to retreat to the realm of a better religion and live a mediocre moral life through Christian Psychology.

Transformation comes first through the cross not through first educating people. Transformation is caught not taught!

**John 3:3 New Living Translation<sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are **born again**,<sup>[a]</sup> you cannot see the Kingdom of God."**

We are called to express and export our experience in Christ. He made us into something we were not before. Or better yet, he recreated us or revealed to us what we already were!!

**Acts 1:8 New Living Translation<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.**



We were not called to go out witnessing but to *BE* a Witness of what we know to be true.

1 Peter 3:15 New International Version

<sup>15</sup> But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect

There is something about your life that raises questions  
Live your life in such a way that it demands an explanation.

We are not religious people obsessed with rules and regulations. We multiply the goodness and kindness of God expressed through his disciples who have embraced the Kings heart and kingdom.

**Let** your light so shine before men, **that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven** (Matt. 5:16).