



**"SHAKE OFF THE DUST THAT IS ON YOUR FEET"**

MARK 6:6-13, 30

*The cost of discipleship;*

**LUKE 14:26**

<sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

*Twelve men: no more, no less;*

**REVELATION 21:12, 14**

<sup>12</sup> It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the *names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel* were inscribed—<sup>14</sup> And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the *twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb*.

**Christ invests all of His ways and actions with spiritual significance.**

*Their sending out strikes the reader as premature;*

**1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-29**

<sup>26</sup> For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

**All who are called and given the mission of scattering seeds are shockingly unprepared for such a mission—and that's the point.**

*Jesus is intentional in His division of labor;*

**ECCLESIASTES 4:9-10**

<sup>9</sup> *Two are better than one*, because they have a good reward for their toil. <sup>10</sup> For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!

**JOHN 8:17** (See also: Num. 35:30; Deut. 19:15; Matt. 18:16; 2 Cor. 13:1; 1 Tim. 5:19; Heb. 10:28)

<sup>17</sup> In your Law it is written that *the testimony of two people is true*.

*The unmistakable pattern of the early church;*

**ACTS 13:2** (See also: 3:1, 8:14, 11:30, 12:25, 13:2, 15:39-40)

<sup>2</sup> While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "*Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.*"

*A delegated authority;*

**MATTHEW 28:18-19**

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.* <sup>19</sup> *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...*"

**The true Strong Man has claimed all authority, and even invests His servants with His supreme authority over the false strong man and the evil and destructive effects of his wicked rule.**

*Instruction on what to take;*

**EXODUS 12:11**

<sup>11</sup> In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover.

**The inaugural "sending out" is done in such a way as to illustrate both the urgency of the mission and our utter dependence upon the Sender.**

*Instructions on how to act;*

**1 TIMOTHY 6:8**

<sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

**PHILIPPIANS 4:11**

<sup>11</sup> Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.

**True service to Christ must be characterized by total dependence upon Him, and in His chosen means of meeting the needs of His servants.**

*God is faithful;*

**LUKE 22:35**

<sup>35</sup> And he said to them, "When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "Nothing."

**MARK 8:19-21**

<sup>19</sup> When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" They said to him, "Twelve." <sup>20</sup> "And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" And they said to him, "Seven." <sup>21</sup> And he said to them, "Do you not yet understand?"

**MATTHEW 6:19-21, 33**

<sup>19</sup> "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.... <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

**These initial "sent out ones" serve as real-life examples of those who realize their Father knows their every need, and will faithfully meet their every need.**

*Instructions on handling rejection;*

**ACTS 13:51** (See also: Neh. 5:13; Acts 18:6)

<sup>51</sup> But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium.

**JOHN 8:42**

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me."

**ROMANS 9:6**

<sup>6</sup> But it is not as though the word of God has failed. *For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel...*

**GALATIANS 1:8**

<sup>8</sup> But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.

**1 CORINTHIANS 16:22**

<sup>22</sup> If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come!

**God does not give His Church the option of leaving the results of rejection as vague or undefined, but He commands that His Church declare the eternal consequences of unbelief in clear and unmistakable terms.**

*All of the results of the sending out were entirely the work of God;*

**PSALM 45:7**

<sup>7</sup> ...you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has *anointed you with the oil of gladness* beyond your companions;

**The joyful mission of the apostles demonstrates the faithfulness of the Sender while also teaching unequivocally of the prominence of rejection on the part of its hearers.**