

As You Are Going...

The core elements of Jesus' teachings can be summed up in two phrases:

Come to me & Go to them

Matthew 11:28-30 – ²⁸Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.” (NLT)

Matthew 28:19-20 – ¹⁹Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (CSB)

James 2:17 – In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. (NIV)

*I must GO...to obey GOd...to do GOod...to live the GOspel...
to become GOdly...to reach my GOals...to share the GOod News!*

I. First we go to God for **help**.

Matthew 6:33 – But seek first the kingdom of God...(CSB)

II. Next we go to each other for **support**.

A. We need each other because life is **tough**.

Acts 14:22 – strengthening the disciples by encouraging them to continue in the faith and by telling them, “It is necessary to go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.” (CSB)

B. Because good is always **opposed** by evil.

Philippians 1:27-29 – ²⁷Just one thing: As citizens of heaven, live your life worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or am absent, I will hear about you that you are standing firm in one spirit, in one accord, contending together for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸not being frightened in any way by your opponents. This is a sign of destruction for them, but of your salvation—and this is from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you on Christ’s behalf not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, (CSB)

C. Because we are better **together**.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 – Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. (NIV)

III. We are to go on to **maturity**.

2 Peter 1:8 – For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being useless or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (CSB)

IV. We are to go on telling the **Good News**.

Luke 14:16-20 – ¹⁶Then he told him: “A man was giving a large banquet and invited many. ¹⁷At the time of the banquet, he sent his servant to tell those who were invited, ‘Come, because everything is now ready.’ ¹⁸“But without exception they all began to make excuses. The first one said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. I ask you to excuse me.’ ¹⁹“Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m going to try them out. I ask you to excuse me.’ ²⁰“And another said, ‘I just got married, and therefore I’m unable to come.’ (CSB)

Thought For The Week:

Where God says **go**, He never says **no**.

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