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The Apostles Obeyed

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In the Gospel According to Luke (AD 60-61), Luke, a Gentile, is writing to Theophilus so that he would know the exact truth and record regarding the things he had been taught about Jesus the Messiah. Luke provided numerous testimonies of Jesus' identity as the Savior and Messiah. Jesus, during His ministry, traveled to many cities sharing scripture, teaching, forgiving sin, physically healing people of demons and disease, and raising the dead. Jesus began to challenge the religious rituals of the day and most importantly preached the Kingdom of God. Jesus is nearly half way through His 3 year ministry when He sends His select 12 common men to heal and preach.

“And He said to them, “Take nothing for your journey, neither a staff, nor a bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not even have two tunics apiece. “Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that city. “And as for those who do not receive you, as you go out from that city, shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” Departing, they began going throughout the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.” (Luke 9: 3-6 NASB Mt 10: 1-42; Mk 6: 7-13)

He Called 12 Common Men. Jesus is midway through His 3 year ministry. Up to this point Jesus has solely preformed all of the mission and ministry roles of sharing scripture, teaching, forgiving sin, physically healing people of demons and disease, and raising the dead. Jesus solely challenged the religious rituals of the day and most importantly preached the kingdom of God. Luke records that Jesus now delegates and commissions His chosen 12 apostles, 12 common men. *“Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Him.” (Mt 10:2-4)* None of the 12 apostles were leaders of the existing religious community. Jesus now sends the chosen 12 common men to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. Jesus tells them how to go.

Take nothing for your journey. They are to not take a staff, bag, bread and go with the clothes they were wearing. They were not to take a money bag and not to store-up gold, silver or money for future use. They were called to go as they were and trust that God would provide.

Stay where you first reside. There were no hotels and the apostles would be required to stay in private homes. They were to stay in the first house that they entered and not move until they left town. They were not to go to the Gentiles and not to go to the Samaritans. They were going to the Jewish communities and people.

If rejected, move on. Jesus said that if they reject your message of repentance (Mk 6:12) and the kingdom of God to not waste time on them and move on... *“shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”*

The apostles went, healed, and preached the gospel. The apostles, ones who are sent forth, were 12 common men called to accomplish humanly impossible tasks of healing all kinds of sickness and disease. They trusted and obeyed Jesus and went through out the villages and healed and preached the kingdom of God having been equipped with some of the powers and authority that only Jesus possessed. Jesus called, equipped and then sent the 12 chosen common men to accomplish His will. They chose to go and do His will.

For Your Consideration:

- Are you listening for God's call?
- Do you believe that He will equip you to accomplish His will?
- Do you choose to go and do His will?

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