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He Called – He Gave – He Sent

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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 called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases. And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to perform healing.” (Luke 9:1-2 NASB; Mt 10:1-2; Mk 6:7)

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. None of the 12 apostles were leaders of the existing religious community. When Jesus calls He equips.

He Gave Them Power and Authority. Jesus equipped His chosen 12 common men. Jesus gave them power, the ability to do things, and authority, the right to do things. He gave them power and authority over all demons and “... to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.” (Mt10:1) Jesus was equipping and giving them some of the powers and authority that only He possessed. Jesus called, equipped and then sent the 12 chosen common men to accomplish His will.

He Sent Them To Proclaim and Heal. Jesus sent the chosen 12 common men to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick, just as He had done. While the chosen had watched and witnessed Jesus proclaim and heal, He was now sending them to do the same thing. Jesus chose 12 common men and equipped them with mighty power and authority to accomplish humanly impossible tasks. Jesus sent them in pairs (Mk 6:7) God sent Jesus and Jesus is sending His 12 apostles.

For Your Consideration:

- Have you answered Jesus' call to serve Him?
- If you answered the call, He will give you the skills to serve.
- When He calls, is your response, “Send me!”?

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