

GO, GO, GO, GO

Luke 14:16-24; Matthew 28:19-20; John 6:44

Introduction: There are some things that there are no options to within the life of the Christian and one of those things is the Lord's "command" for every Christian to witness. Every Christian is to "go" into his/her world and spread the news of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ, starting with those closest to him/her and then moving on out from there.

I. WE ARE TO BE PERSISTENT, FORCEFUL IN WITNESSING

1. God has made it possible to be restored to Him, to have eternal life, to be part of His Family and He wants everybody to know it.
 - Not everybody, however is interested.
 - What if YOU had only ONE opportunity to be saved, would you have taken it?
2. God has to overcome people's non interest, reluctance, refusals, love of worldly things, therefore He commands His Children (Christians) to continue witnessing regardless of people's attitudes.
 - It is human nature to not be interested in the things of God, therefore people have to be told over and over again and again about God's love and Jesus' sacrifice.
3. People need more than medicine or teaching or hope, people are DEAD spiritually, dead in their trespasses and sins and only God's power can get them from death to life.
4. If people are dead, then what's the use of trying to get them to change their minds and come to Jesus?
 - Jesus told the man with the withered hand to stretch it out. The man couldn't possibly do that, but he did.
 - Jesus told Lazarus to come out of the tomb. Lazarus's body had already started decaying, there was no way that that could happen, yet it did, Lazarus came alive and came out of the tomb.
 - Nobody can "reborn" themselves, even if interested, but God's power can.
 - Remember the man God commanded to go preach to some bones? What happened?
 - The valley of bones came alive, flesh came upon them and life given.
 - God can give a new life to any who will hear His Word and come to His Son, Jesus. We are to keep on telling the same story over and over and over to the same people even.

II. WE ARE TO WITNESS TO EVERY SINGLE PERSON

1. Christians are to not question who they are to witness to.
 - We don't know who is ready to respond to the Gospel message.
 - We are prejudiced and opinionated and had rather not talk to this or that person.
 - Jesus died for EVERYONE, not just certain ones.
 - Have YOU done everything YOU can to see that everybody has heard the Gospel message?

2. Most Christians do not take God's command to "witness" seriously.
 - Christians look forward to the Lord's return, but WE are the main reason He hasn't been able to come back - not everybody has heard the Gospel message yet.
 - Jesus will never come back until every person who is going to believe in Jesus has been called out and not everybody has heard the Gospel message yet.
3. God's command is "GO ye..." Not "send" somebody!
 - Not everybody can go to some foreign country or even out of their own community, however every Christian has something he/she can do that will help somebody hear the Gospel message.
4. "GO" into the world" commands God.
 - What are you doing to see that the world hears the Gospel message?

CONCLUSION:

1. "GO" is a command from God.
2. "Go" to those around you first.
3. "Go" with the Gospel message.
4. "Go" because God has commanded it.
5. The Gospel is the message God uses to call out those who will believe.
 - Nobody but God knows who is going to believe, therefore Christians are to preach/witness, tell the Gospel to EVERY person.
6. This is perhaps the commandment most disobeyed by Christians. How about you? Are you guilty of disobeying this command?