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When God says, “Go.”

Acts 13:1-6

Every believer has been called by God to belong to and grow in the body of Christ, which is sovereignly and supernaturally built by God through the Holy Spirit, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Acts 13:2b-4a “The Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them. ³Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. ⁴So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit...”

Trust in God’s Call

❖ God calls His children to be members of the body of Christ and to become instruments of His Kingdom.

↳ God’s call defines us.

Galatians 1:15 “But when He who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by His grace.”

Ephesians 1:13-14 “In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.”

Colossians 1:13 “He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.”

↳ God calls us to be His witnesses.

Acts 9:15 “...he is a chosen instrument of Mine to carry My name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel.”

2 Corinthians 5:20 “Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

↳ God’s call requires us to trust Him.

Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.”

Romans 8:28 “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.”

Acts 13:4b, "...They went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus."

Obedience to God's Call

❖ God's call requires action, even with limited details. Obedience means going, speaking, serving, giving, forgiving, caring, and faithfulness.

↳ God's call moves us from hearing to going.

Genesis 12:1-4 "Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed'⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran."

Mark 8:34-36 "And calling the crowd to Him with His disciples, He said to them, 'If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?'"

↳ God's call requires courage to obey God despite uncertainty and weakness.

Hebrews 11:8 "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going."

Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

↳ Obedience is costly, but God has promised us His favor.

John 14:15-17, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever; ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth... You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you."

↳ When we obey the Lord, we face opposition; therefore, resilience and perseverance are required.

1 Corinthians 16:9 "For a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries."

Hebrews 10:36 "For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised."

Acts 13:5, "When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the Word of God."

Commitment to the Call of God

❖ When God calls, we trust His call, obey His voice, and commit to what He calls us to do.

↳ God's call is not just to go once, but His purpose becomes our mission.

Luke 24:46-47 "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem."

Acts 5:42 "And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus."

Acts 9:20 "And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'"

Colossians 1:28-29 “Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all His energy that He powerfully works within me.”

↪ Commitment to the call means remaining faithful to the Word and the work.

📖 Romans 15:18-21

↪ Commitment to the call of God means continuing to preach, serve, and disciple where He has placed us, relying on His strength, until we finish the race.

📖 Acts 20:18-24

❖ From Salamis onward, Paul’s and Barnabas’ lives became a pattern of keeping the ministry God gave them—through sufferings, misunderstandings, shipwrecks, prisons, and rejection—because they were committed to His call, not their comfort.

Endnotes:

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