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Where are you going? Think about that question? I don't mean for dinner today, or where you will be tomorrow. Where are you going with your career? Who led you down that road? Where are you going with your relationships? How did you choose your partners and friends? When you set off on a path or road, how much was that decision influenced by Jesus, by his voice, by his guidance? Was it a path destined for you, one that pleases him. Was it one of your own choosing and design, or perhaps you have let others coerce you down a certain road. Ultimately, the question is who sent you out on that road?

We are going to look at when Jesus sent out his first disciples in pairs, and ask what that meant to them at that time, but then as modern day followers of Jesus, what does it mean for us to be sent out by Jesus

Available.

To be a disciple of a Rabbi was a great honour. It was the peak of academic success for a pious young Jew. Only the crème de la crème were chosen. But it was different with Rabbi Jesus, he went to ordinary people that had already fallen out of the academic system, and said 'Come as you are, and follow me'. He went to a bad tempered, foul mouthed fisherman, and said Peter, come and follow me. Come now, leave your nets, don't worry about all that mess in your life, we can sort that out on the road. Just come and follow me. He goes to a cheating Jewish traitor, and says Matthew I want you for my disciple, leave your tax collectors booth, come just as you are. Don't worry these guys including this fishermen hate you. Make yourself available to me and come with me. Follow me. The only qualification needed, Peter, Matthew, us, is to make yourself available to Jesus. The rest we can learn on the way.

Recently I was at a conference where the rather abrasive John Peters was speaking. He pointed at us, and said Jesus uses you, because you are stupid and weak! What? Paul put it far more eloquently when he writes to the church at Corinth, He says these things about the Lord our God "**He uses the foolish things to confound the wise** (1 Cor 1v27); **He puts his treasure in clay pots** (2 Cor 4v7) (i.e. his spiritual blessing in us) and **His strength is made perfect in our weakness**. (2 Cor 12v9)".

Jesus only uses one type of person to do the work that he left us on earth, and that is the person that makes himself or herself available. We come to him in our weakness, with our doubts, and character flaws, and perhaps bad habits and addictions, and we say 'Here I am – send me'. He looks at us and says, 'that'll do nicely – come and follow me'.

Training so far.

Before Jesus sends out his disciples in pairs, they have been with Jesus for perhaps between 1 and 2 years. They have heard his teaching on the kingdom of God through great parables, they have seen him do nature miracles like calming the storm, he's cast out demons, he's healed lepers and paralysed people, and even healed Peters own mother in law. They have seen him raise from dead both a widow's son and the daughter of a synagogue leader. They have seen the hurt on him as John the Baptist is executed, and he is rejected from some synagogues including his home village. So by walking with Jesus, listening to him and observing him, their ordinary lives have become extra-ordinary. Their natural days have become supernatural. They have seen what he does, why he does it and how he does it?

If we follow Jesus, if we walk with him and listen to him with real intent, then we can see the super-natural invade the natural. What you once regarded as an extra-ordinary event, becomes the ordinary for you, as he fills your clay pots (your lives) with his treasure (his supernatural gifts and blessings), as he applies his

strength to your weakness, as he takes your availability and gives you great ability for doing his works. But we are mere mortals, so how can this be true?

Given Authority

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. In my engineering job, every year I recruit an Industrial Placement, a young man or woman who has done 2 years at University, and has a year out in Industry before returning to do the final years studies and exams. You've been learning for two years, now get out there and put it into practice !

Jesus brings together his twelve main students. Up to now they have been learning the theory, but today they graduate to doing the practical. They will now be commissioned to go and do the stuff that they have been observing and learning about.

On other occasions Jesus may well have sent larger groups out. Some people think he may have paired men with women so they could minister to both sexes rather than being restricted to just reaching men which would have been the cultural limitation on this male group of 12 apostles.

They will be sent out to do the work of Jesus, but how? Surely Jesus can do miracles because he is God, and God has these special powers. But is that true?

Being the disciple of a Rabbi, means that you are committed to learning your Masters teaching, and living by it for the rest of your life. But you should also learn to say and do what your Master does, before you graduate to be a Rabbi yourself. This was seemingly achievable for the disciples of others Rabbis, but they didn't do miracles ! How could the disciples of Jesus, possibly to what Jesus did ? Isn't that asking too much of them? After all, Jesus is the son of God, so has divine powers. Peter and Matthew don't have these powers.

Yes Jesus came from heaven, and was the son of God with Gods DNA and the capability to live a sinless life. But he was also born into this world as fully human. Could he be born here as a Jewish baby, and still retain his divine powers, such as be in more than one place at the same time. That would be very difficult when his nappy needed changing ! I believe that Jesus was fully God but did laid down his divine powers whilst on earth, so that he could be fully human too. A qualified Doctor may not bring his Doctors bag and his stethoscope with him on a visit, but that doesn't mean he's no longer a Doctor. Jesus performed his miracles without his divine powers. He did those amazing things, by frequently being in prayer listening to what's Gods purposes were for him, by living a righteous life, and by being open to both the power and the purposes of the Holy Spirit working through Him. He could do that because his Father in heaven had sent the Holy Spirit to him at his baptism.

It is good news that he did not need his divine powers, and had to rely on prayer and the Holy Spirit to do the miracles he did. Because then, it give his disciples including us, the possibility of doing likewise. If you needed divine powers to be like Jesus, then they had no chance of fulfilling their commitments as disciples to be like their Master, and neither do we.

So when the passage says that Jesus gave them authority of evil impure spirits, then the authority he gave them was the Holy Spirit. However the Holy Spirit was not yet available to all people who follow Jesus. That would not happen until Pentecost. Up to this point the Spirit only empowered a very small numbers of individuals that God had anointed for special purposes such as the prophets. However we see that Jesus is able to pass on to them personally this anointing, so that they can receive the authority over bad spirits that was available to him. In Jewish law messengers carried the permission from their sender to act with his full authority within the boundaries of the commission they had been sent on. So the authority of Jesus went with them.

Sent out in twos

Sometimes we may need to minister alone, but I always prefer going with at least one other person. God uses us in different ways, we hear different things from him, and I believe we can be more powerful in ministry if paired up or teamed up with the right people. I have recently been out to Macedonia and seen God do amazing things. It was like being sent out in pairs by Jesus, except there was 5 of us. One problem I had though, was that when I started sharing some of the things that I witnessed, people thought I was making stories up. I am not sure that I am that creative ! But then of course if you are not used to seeing the supernatural as part of your walk with Jesus, such things are hard to believe, and I am sure there are times when I would have not have believed such accounts either.

Jesus sent them out in twos. Often in both Greek and Jewish cultures, messengers were sent out in pairs. Being in a pair validates their testimony. So it protects against one person making up stories, but it also means that some-one else can back them up if they are challenged on what they have experienced. For me, though it can be a little frustrating not being believed by those that weren't there, at least I know that everything I witnessed was shared by others, and that would be true for the disciples when they returned from their adventure.

So Jesus sent the disciples out in twos. They complimented each other with their own personalities and God-given gifts and insights, and could also validate each others testimonies.

Travel Lightly

⁸These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. ⁹Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. (Mk 6 v 8-9)

Why on this occasion, no money, or an extra shirt when the first one gets all smelly?

They are being sent out on a mission to do Holy work, and Jesus is drawing a parallel with his disciples about going into the temple. You wouldn't take a money bag in with you into the temple precincts. You were there to focus on God and not other matters. Also a money bag could be seen as you have come to do 'begging'. Jesus wants his disciples to have the appearance that they are there to do Gods work, absorbed in it, and nothing will distract them from that. They must be about their Fathers business, as the young Jesus once said when in the temple.

It was the right thing for the right occasion for those men, to be uncluttered like that. In other times it would be different for them. After the last supper, Jesus refers back to this occasion, and says

“When I sent you out that time, without purse, bag, or shoes, did you lack anything?”. “Not a thing they answered”. (Luke 22v35). Everything they needed **God provided**. I remember being on a mission trip in Algeria as a young man in my early twenties, and our small team of 3 had lost most of our money in an incident, so could not afford any food as we trekked through Kabylia. As we walked through the small villages, in the Kabyl mountains, people came out and brought us food, bread, grapes, wine, figs, and even once a whole roast chicken ! We lacked for nothing, even one evening when we camped out in the shelter of a derelict and abandoned settlement where there seemed to be no inhabitants, we were provided for.

But as the disciples were about to leave for Gethsemane, he was telling them that this was a new season, they would need to be on their guard, they would need money and a bag, and spiritual protection. They wouldn't find everything they needed fell into place, is was not going to be easy like their mission trip had been. They had a tough time coming and needed different resources to cope with it.

So Jesus is not putting down a once and for all template here, that whenever we do mission work, we should not take any money or spare clothes with us, but he is saying we need to equipped for his work but also travel light in the same sense we are absorbed in his work, and don't want to be distracted from that.

As you travel through life with Jesus, hold on to things loosely, so you can let them go when you need to. Don't let possessions, or ambitions become a burden that becomes so essential or important to you that it stops you following his path.

Travel lightly.

The place of peace & shaking off the dust.

¹⁰Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town.¹¹And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” (Mk 6v10-11)

This wasn't a day out for the lad, this was a mission trip. They were sent off in different directions, we don't know for how long, perhaps a week or two. When the early church was getting established after Pentecost, then the practice was to go into a new place and set up a meeting in some-one's home. Go into a village or a town, seek out a person of peace, or a family home that welcomes you in. Spend time with them, sharing the good news, and use their home as a base of operation reaching out into the rest of the community. Those that then become believers will then initially meet in that house for fellowship. As the church outgrows the home, then it may be right to hire or build a place to meet.

This was what the disciples were encouraged to do. I think it was good practice for what would come later after Jesus had returned to heaven. This is also the church planting pattern in Macedonia. The evangelist Jimmy looks for a place and person of peace to plant a new church in their home first, and then it grows and needs a building.

One of the Jewish sects, the Essenes, who are best known for their desert community, also grouped together in significant numbers in many cities, towns and villages. They kept no possessions personally, but shared everything they had with each other and any new Essene on the scene. When they travelled they took nothing with them except a single weapon for protection. In each place, they appointed one person to take care of strangers and provide them with garments and any other necessities. So the disciples would be able to use this hospitality if necessary. Jesus seemed happy to make use of the Essene network, on this and other occasions.

Showing hospitality by taking in travellers was not by any means though unique to the Essenes, it was one of the most important virtues in their Mediterranean culture. Yet if they went into a village where they were not welcomed and that gave them a hostile reception, they were to shake the dust from that village off of their sandals and move on. Why do that? This would have been a familiar practice to the disciples. They were carrying the power and authority of Jesus with them, so in a sense where they walked was Holy Ground. Where they were rejected, that place could in contrast be seen as Pagan, or anti-Jesus.

When pious Jews returned from non-Jewish areas, and came back into Jerusalem to the temple, they did not want even the dust from those Pagan lands to cling to their sandals, and desecrate the Holy Space, so would quite literally shake the dust off their sandals. Shaking the dust off, is symbolic of leaving behind anything that is unpleasant and unholy, not letting it cling to you and affect you, so you can move on to do Gods holy work, free of any negative influence.

Some times in Macedonia, we had to go into situations praying for people which had been involved in witchcraft and other such activities, spiritual warfare stuff, and when we had finished our healing prayers, it was important for us to separate ourselves totally from what we had been dealing with, and pray the blood of Jesus over us to separate us from anything that might cling to us. We were shaking the dust from our sandals.

Jesus ahead of us

Jesus send the disciples off with his authority, but his Spirit had gone ahead of them, so that everything fell into place and they had everything they needed.

If you are following Jesus, then by its very definition, he must be ahead of you ! Jesus will go before you. He will prepare things for you both in this world and the next.

John 14v2 says **“My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?”**.

In my opinion more importantly he goes ahead of you and prepares the way, so that when you are stepping and following his plan, his directions, everything seems to fall into place, because He has done the hard work ahead of you. He is the top planning officer; he is the master architect.

One of my 'life verses' Ephesians 2v10. **God has made us what we are, and in our union with Christ Jesus he has created us for a life of good deeds, which he has already prepared for us to do**

In that culture, if a king or nobleman planned to visit a city, he would send a servant ahead of him to make all the preparations, so that when he arrived, everything would fall smoothly into place for the King. But Jesus turns this around, and the King goes ahead of the servant. Jesus goes ahead of us.

In the months preceding the mission trip, at our weekly Monday prayer meetings, we kept getting encouraging words and prophecies about what God would do in Macedonia when we were there. One Sunday night at Trinity, I was prayed for by Chloe, who had the following prophecy:-

“The work I have been doing will not be unfruitful. The seeds I have planted will bear a harvest. The Lord himself will turn over the soil for you with his hands and make the soil fruitful”.

It was a prophecy of the King going ahead of me, and preparing the soil himself, so when I went out and preached the word of God, I would see a great harvest, many coming to faith. The next evening at the prayer meeting, our prophetic artist Sally gave me a picture she had already drawn for me, it was of 2 strong ox pulling a plough. I am behind it with my bible, and gently steering it. Over the oxen were the words **‘His incomparably great power for us who believe’** (from Ephesians 1v19.) She had words of explanation which said, In this picture, God is taking the lead. It his field, and his oxen (i.e. his power) doing the work, but he loves sharing this time with you from ploughing, and sowing to harvest. He can't wait to show you how he's moving. There is an ease in it. He will do the hard work.

In 2 days from two sources, I get these words from God that he has gone ahead of me to do the hard work, but delights in sharing the results with me as I make myself available, and faithfully bring his Word.

This came true in a dramatic way as everywhere we went, and did this restaurant evangelism, large numbers came to faith, typically 50 would come and half would except Jesus into their lives. The first meeting was a little different. It was in a peasant village called Przdevo, where there is no free church and I had been asked to bring the Word after some worship and testimony. It was outdoors on a long terrace with tables laid out, outside a café style restaurant with a good number of women with their children, and a gathering of village men right at the end. There was 55 in total. I was told that the evangelist would take over from me after I had spoken, and would do the appeal and prayer of faith in Macedonian. This was what we had done at the conference the previous year, and worked well. I had never done this before so had no confidence in 'bringing it home' so was glad he was doing this. But when it came to the moment where I was to hand over the microphone he wasn't there. I looked around, couldn't see him anywhere. I appealed to Richard, 'what do I do?'. Everyone is looking at me. He just said 'you do it'. So with rock bottom faith and expectancy, I explained how they needed Jesus, and how to accept him into their lives, I asked them to pray the prayer of repentance with me, and then I asked for those who had accepted Jesus into their life for the first time to stand. To my astonishment, almost everybody stood up, about 50 people. He had gone before me and turned the soil, prepared the hearts of these villagers, my uimput lasted about 20 minutes and was a light touch, but I enjoyed the harvest with him.

The Mission Macedonia team in the first four days did 3 church services and 5 restaurant evangelism events. It was an incredible time of seeing Gods power at work saving and healing people.

Jesus with us.

¹²They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them Mark 6v12-13

Jesus had not only gone ahead of the disciples but was also alongside them on their mission trip. Not physically, as he stayed behind, but they were plugged into his Holy Spirit, so in that sense the spirit and power that Jesus held to do miracles was now firmly with them. So whilst he had been ahead of them and made preparations, they still needed to listen to God in prayer, to go and do what he had set up for them. Everything they needed was provided, but they still needed to step out with his anointing, speak his words of truth, lead people into repentance (that is to be sorry for they have done wrong, and turn away from their bad habits and ways) and to prayer prayers of deliverance and healing over people. As they did that, they found themselves doing the very things that they had seen Jesus doing for the last year or more. What an exciting time they had, and when they got back, they were all tripping over themselves with a rush of great testimonies. Demons were driven out, and all sorts of sick people were healed.

I think it is exactly the same today, as we step into a life of right living (righteousness), and shake off some of those negative things that have clung to us. We listen to his voice, and step out boldly into what we believe (though we can never be 100% sure) he is calling us into, then we will start seeing his power at work in us. The more we give up of our own plans and ways, and the more we let him take control, the more we will see of his Spirit working through us, until the supernatural becomes a natural part of our lives.

In Macedonia, our week of mission culminated in our national New Hope conference, which we had done for the first time last year. The conference has worship, testimony, preaching, and salvation call, but Jimmy had said that what people most want is prayer, so we allow 2 hours for healing prayer, so that everyone that wants it gets a chance to be prayed for.

Our previous year, was the first year, we had done the conference, and through we had 11 adults we got swamped by people wanting prayer. We had a different strategy, where we would have 6 group of 3, and get people to queue up for one of these 3 groups. They may have to wait well over an hour to be prayed for, but they all did. Each of us on the UK team, would be assigned a translator and a young leader who showed promise at the previous days conference. As we prayed for healing we would take time to teach them and help them learn on the job. But before splitting up into our groups we would all pray for the first person until healed then get the testimony over the microphone, to show Gods healing power was at work. Then on hearing the testimony of the miracle, we would then invite everyone forwards. In one sense it might seem a risky strategy. What if God does not heal the first person, what are you going to do with the next 2 hours! But we were confident, Jesus was with us, and never really doubted this would happen.

Jimmy asked me what to call out. We had prayed many times about this in advance, and the area that came through strongest was for arthritic hands. Though we also had a strong sense that God would also be healing people with depression including those who had had suicidal thoughts. Jimmy asked anyone with with bad arthritic pains in their hands to come forward, and there were a few willing to be put on the spot. One lady seemed the worst as she had these pains in both hands and arms, and restricted movement in them. It all happened so quickly, she was healed, kept flicking her hands and fingers to show their new movement. She gave testimony and before we knew it we were in our groups with a queue of people wanting prayer. My young leader shouted when she prayed, so I had to get her to lower her tone. She said she only had one volume, but I politely insisted and did get her to pray at a more appropriate volume. It was an incredible time where everyone seemed to be filled with the Spirit as we prayed, was blessed and healed. I had two depressed young men both who had suicidal thoughts, and saw the cloud lift from their minds and peace break through in their minds, transforming their facial appearance. In other groups some people got saved as they were healed, some were released into tongues. It was an astonishing time where the power of God just kept coming and coming.

Eventually we had got through everyone, and a traditional Macedonian band had started playing and inviting people out of their raised seats and into the arena to dance. Then two young men approached me. One had brought his friend, who I guess had been reluctant to come on his own. The ill young man, probably in his early twenties looked sad and worried under his baseball cap. My heart sank when I looked at him, as I could see that the right side of his face by both his eye and mouth were being pulled downwards where the skin was being stretched by something. I asked what it was, though I think I knew. He just said the word 'tumour'. His friend left him with us.

I decided to move away from the arena as the music rose up in volume, to the side of the raised seats where we could be more free from distraction and then had a thought. I turned to my young leader and said 'you can pray as loud as you like for this one' and emboldened by a whole series of amazing healings, including two men that had been sick with suicidal thoughts, we just went for it. I had my fingers lightly resting on his face, and could feel the presence of God on him. I pressed gently down to feel the lump, felt something but then checked on the others side and realised it was just his cheek bone. I felt around and both sides seemed the same. I stood back to look at his face, and when I saw it I didn't know what to say or believe, so just asked him what he felt. He repeated 'It feels so different, it feels so different'. I didn't say anything more but we took him to an adjoining room which was a gym and there was a large mirror and asked him to look at his face in the mirror. 'It's gone. It's gone' he said. All amazed we hugged each other. He said he was happy to share his healing over the microphone and we tried to make our way to Jimmy who had the microphone, but now the music was in full swing and well over a hundred people were out of their seats dancing hand in hand in lines and circles in the arena. I got pulled in as I walked through, and that was that, I lost him, but it didn't seem to matter. Everyone was having a great time, and I am remembering that at that very moment this was the best Christian conference ever!

Jesus had not only prepared the way for us, but he had been with us in great power that day.

Who invites who?

On our first trip to Macedonia, I remember praying, Lord we invite you to do this, and Lord we invite you to do that, then I heard this voice in my head say 'You are not inviting me to do anything in Macedonia, it's me that's inviting you. It's my purpose, my plan, and I am inviting you to be a part of it.

We often go about our Christian faith, by coming up with the things that we want to do with Jesus and asking him to help us and bless our plans. But Jesus himself prepares the plan, and invites us to be a part of what he is doing. We don't pick him up as a hitch-hiker on our journey, he makes the travel plans. He sends us out. He goes before us to make preparations, and he is there in the moment when we need him.

A new anointing

When I was with Jimmy the evangelist on our first trip I heard him pray that he thanked for God for what was done but rejected his anointing, and asked for a new one.

One prophecy we had on our first trip was linked to the miraculous catch when Jesus met Peter, and we were amazed at the 70 or so that came to salvation at the conference and everything else God had done. But that was the anointing, and we set out on the second trip with a much smaller and different looking team, but with the same if not more prayer and prophecy given us. There was a second miraculous catch of fish when Jesus appeared to Peter and some others in his resurrected body. On that occasion they caught 153 large fish. Although we can-not be certain of exact numbers, on our second trip, I realised it there would have been around 153 first time commitments. It was a new anointing, even greater than the first.

The disciples were sent out by Jesus to do his work, went uncluttered and focussed, but perhaps with some trepidation. It is a step into the unknown, but they had the Spirit of Jesus go before them and be alongside them. They had his promises over their lives. When they came back they were amazed at what God had done through them, but they did not stop there. Their spirit filled ministry may have time expired after that occasion and they had to wait to Pentecost until they were filled again with such power. But they kept moving forward with Jesus, though the road became much tougher as Jesus was sacrificed. They stayed with it, and stepped into an new anointing, a new Horizon.

Empowered by the Spirit, Peter reached Italy and died in Rome. Matthew reached Ethiopia, Andrew went to Turkey and perhaps Russia, and Thomas got as far as India, to name some of them. Many people were saved, and churches planted, some communities of churches still exist today that can link right back to these early missionary journeys of the disciples.

Where are you going?

If you look at your life today, where is your life going? What road are you on, and who are you travelling with? Who are you listening to, and whose instructions are you following?

i) Perhaps you are some-one who has never thought to involve Jesus in your decisions. Perhaps you never realised that he knows what is the best route for you and wants to help you find it. If that's you, then decide to do to give more control of your life over to Jesus, and next time you have a decision big or small. Pray about it. Ask him to put you on the right track. If you are pushing a door that you are not sure about, then ask him to close it, if its not right.

ii) Whether you have been on the Christian road for a short time or a long time, though there are many specific paths, there are only two general directions we are going towards God and the purposes he has for you or away from him. You may have had a great past and done some great thing for God but have slipped away, fallen back. You had come along way, but you are going back in the wrong direction. Perhaps you did something wrong, or just found life a bit too hard and got a bit lost in life. If that's the case, then it's time to turn back to Jesus, and ask his help to get you back on the right path. You may have missed opportunities in the past, but he can go ahead of you again and give you new plans and purposes..

iii) Perhaps you feel that you are looking to Jesus, but you find that your life is cluttered, there is so much stuff, so many distractions and pulls on you, that you can't seem to make any progress. Are you trying to take too much stuff with you? Have you too many distractions? Perhaps its time today to let some stuff go, so that you can be more absorbed in Jesus and his plans for you. Hold on to things lightly. Let go of what you can. I had one of those Cristian posters on my wall at Uni, of a soaring bird, which simply said 'Let Go and Let God'. It's a good message.

iv) You might be leaving a good life, and going in the right direction but can't seem to succeed in making a difference no matter how hard you try, because you are doing in it your own strength. You need to take his authority, and ask the Holy Spirit work in and through you. Allow that strength of God to be made perfect in your weakness. Listen to God in prayer, be available to Jesus, and be open to the Spirit working you and see what happens.

v) Finally you may be riding the crest of a wave, and everything is good, and you are have done great things for God. Perhaps its time, to reject the blessings you have, and ask for a new anointing, a new blessing, because there is always more. His mercies are new every morning. There is a new horizon waiting for you.

Jesus sent out the disciples, God went before them to prepare everything they needed, and was with them in the moment, so they saw God do amazing things in and through them.

Where are you going? Who has made your plans ? Who has sent you out?

Let Jesus take control, and let him send you out in his name with his authority, and see what God can do in and through you.

Amen.