

## **Who is Going...?** **Part 2 addendum: "Out to the World?"**

**With the Gospel...** News that brings joy and changes your life forever! That God has fought for us and won, and we are free from sin! That God has done for us what we could not do for ourselves... Can stop running away, but, with full stride run after Him... Proclaiming true love, true life, and true freedom... "Saved by grace... thru faith!"

**Special Edition/addition: What God is doing in our midst must have a way out to the streets!** "Our faith must be released from the house or it will die in the house!" True corporately and individually! And being those who say "we will go for You, Lord!" **Isaiah 6.** We must know what good news we are to proclaim!

**Gospel...** He is GOD! And we are not! He is Holy! And we are not! A man without forgiveness is dead in God's presence! But God has made a way to forgive us of our sins and to save us from death and destruction! Jesus is the way... and anyone who believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life!

**And if we "go..."** Find the faith that enables the Holy Spirit to speak for/thru us! Don't know what to say/how to get started? With calm faith see/hear/feel their predicament! "Lord give me the way in and the words to speak to get them out!" Then I am going to take a deep breath and speak as the Spirit gives me utterance!

Find the "backing" He provides for us to stand and proclaim! The power, speaking and revelation gifts. **1C12** Demonstrations... But also the "backing" gifts: "When He is come He will teach you and bring things to your remembrance **J14** – guiding you into all truth – He will glorify Me – and convince the world of their sin, unrightness and judgment! **J16**

Find all the things we have need of, along the way! "Stuff:" Food, clothes, money, homes, transportation... **Mt 6.25-34, 10.9-20 1Cor 9.7 1Tim5.18** True significance: not mere confidence in the fleshly things **Ph3** but mimicry of God **E5.1,2** of Jesus **1Cor9.22** Holy Spirit **1Th3.2** Joy, boldness, recognition, peace, love, happiness, honor... It's all out there because our fulfillment comes from Him and is in Him!

**But if we go...** We know that it can sometimes be hard... Social risks of resistance/friends... *Dismissed* during formation/thot! Physical dangers of rejection... *Persecuted/prosecuted* in times of rebellion! Constant reestablishment of being "dead to self..." *Enduring hardness* as a soldier!

**Enduring hardness...** Requires brokenness! Have to be "in it" w/o options if we are going to go and proclaim Him! First point of breaking! Hard! **The "Bend!" When "I" becomes "C"** "No longer I that lives but Christ in Me! And the life I now live I live by the faith of the Son of God!" **G2.20**

**"I..."** Does not easily yield... Justifies all its actions/decisions... Wants what it wants... will hide what it wants... will hide that it wants anything else... Argues for its rights... Will "trade" for better... Seeks its own glory/fame... "Tries" to live the Christ life... Is always self-conscious... Only bows when no other way...

**"Christ..."** Fully submitted to God! Action/decisions from the Word! Wants what God wants/does what God does/loves what God does... Wholly owned/no rights! Willing to give up... everything! Seeks to glorify God in all things! Lives the life of Christ/dies maturing! God conscious and obedient! Bows to God and none other! **Because of the obvious contrasts between "I" and "Christ" – we must be broken if we are ever going to serve God! Brokenness can come thru revelation or heartache! Our own hardness determines the degree of hardship, the speed of transformation, and succeeding in it at all!**

**"Christ..."** Being God's son came to serve, not to be "ministered to..." "I" wants recognition as a son and the service due a prince! **Jesus** being rejected by men, did not reject mankind... "I" wants to be accepted and when not "strikes back!" **Jesus** said no to the easy way... "I" looks how to cut distance off the straight and narrow way!

**Why would we want to be broken...? *To please God being conformed into the image of His dear Son!*** Intimacy!  
***For the sake of our own maturity!*** Discovery/fulfillment/purpose! For success in the battle for men's souls!  
***Fitness for warfare!*** "To destroy the works of the evil one." "To set the captives free!" To carry home the spoils of war!

**How?** By assessing everything; leaving nothing untouched! Search out your life where you are unfulfilled... Honestly search out the idols that keep you away from God... Ask the hard questions until you get Biblical answers... Don't ever be satisfied until you look, think like Him!

***Sign His name to all you do!* It's God's and our own standard of judgment!**

Unapologetically we are holding to a very high standard (*standard 1<sup>st</sup> century faith*)... But world events now dictate that a group of people be ready and effective to deliver the news that brings joy...