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## THE GREAT EXAMPLE

### THE GREAT COMMISSION

<sup>18</sup> Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” **Matthew 28:18-20 NLT**

- **“Make disciples” is the primary command of the Great Commission. “Going,” “baptizing,” and “teaching” are the means by which we fulfill the command to “make disciples.”**
- **A disciple of Christ imitates Jesus’ example, clings to His sacrifice, believes in His resurrection, possesses the Holy Spirit, and lives to do His work.**

### JESUS MODELED WHAT HE HAS CALLED US TO DO.

#### The First Disciples

<sup>18</sup> One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. <sup>19</sup> Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” <sup>20</sup> And they left their nets at once and followed him. <sup>21</sup> A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too. <sup>22</sup> They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind. <sup>23</sup> Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. <sup>24</sup> News about him spread as far as Syria, and people soon began bringing to him all who were sick. And whatever their sickness or disease, or

if they were demon possessed or epileptic or paralyzed—he healed them all. <sup>25</sup> Large crowds followed him wherever he went—people from Galilee, the Ten Towns, Jerusalem, from all over Judea, and from east of the Jordan River. **Matthew 4:18-25 NLT**

- **Jesus tells us to go because that’s what he modeled.**
- **“Jesus traveled throughout the region.”**
- **Jesus left Heaven to give life.**

<sup>32</sup> Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, Moses didn’t give you bread from heaven. My Father did. And now he offers you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> The true bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup> “Sir,” they said, “give us that bread every day.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus replied, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>36</sup> But you haven’t believed in me even though you have seen me. <sup>37</sup> However, those the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them. <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, not to do my own will. <sup>39</sup> And this is the will of God, that I should not lose even one of all those he has given me, but that I should raise them up at the last day. <sup>40</sup> For it is my Father’s will that all who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life. I will raise them up at the last day.” <sup>41</sup> Then the people began to murmur in disagreement because he had said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup> They said, “Isn’t this Jesus, the son of Joseph? We know his father and mother. How can he say, ‘I came down from heaven’?” <sup>43</sup> But Jesus replied, “Stop complaining about what I said. <sup>44</sup> For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me, and at the last day I will raise them up. <sup>45</sup> As it is written in the Scriptures, ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. <sup>46</sup> (Not that anyone has ever seen the Father; only I, who was sent from God, have seen him.) <sup>47</sup> “I tell you the truth, anyone who believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> Yes, I am the bread of life! <sup>49</sup> Your ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, but they all died. <sup>50</sup> Anyone who eats the bread from heaven, however, will never die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and this bread, which I will offer so the world may live, is my flesh.” **John 6:32-51 NLT**

- **What?**
- **This was a hard teaching even for the disciples.**
- **What Jesus was conveying is that He came on a mission and would lay down his life to save those who believed.**

### AS WE ARE GOING.

- **As we are going, we should be sharing, teaching, praying, and serving those God puts before us.**
- **Thanksgiving is a great time to share what we believe with family and pray for them.**