



Following JESUS

Pt 12 – His Commission

Introduction...



- We have now reached the final session of our wonderful series.
- We have been in the New Testament Gospels for months with the two series:
 - The JESUS series
 - Following JESUS series
- These two have allowed us to cover the content and principles of the four Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
- We will now conclude with this session looking at Jesus final words to His Disciples.

Introduction...

- We recommend that you revisit the lessons covered by the JESUS series.
- The focus on Jesus is key to the Christian life.
- The more Christocentric you are, the more Christlike you become and the more effective you will be as a Believer.
- Following Jesus with all our hearts is the ultimate of Christianity.
- The more we learn to follow the Lord, the better our families and world would become.
- The more we follow men who are following a set of principles and not the Lord, the more humanistic we become.



Last words...

- When a person is about to die (leave this world), their last words or will are taken very seriously
- When Lord Jesus was about to leave (Ascend) from the Earth, His last words have very serious
- His last words to His Disciples are popularly known as the Great Commission
- These words are for EVERY Christian and true follower of His.
- If you don't regularly hear these words or the 'spirit' of them from your leader or pastor, then you know they are NOT a true follower of Christ.





Go...

- The **Great Commission** is a direct order given by Jesus Christ to his disciples, instructing them to spread his teachings to all the nations of the world.
- *Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.
17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.*
- *18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*
- *20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*
Matthew 28:16-20

All Authority..

- Let us pause for a moment on these words...
- Jesus is saying in Heaven and on Earth all authority is His!
- This means there is no greater authority, human or spiritual that is higher than His.
- The Believer is to Go knowing He or She has been commissioned by the highest authority in the Universe
- This should give the Christian boldness to declare the Good News of the Gospel to any and everyone!



All Authority...

- *which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,*
- *²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.*
- *²² And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.*

Ephesians 1:20-22





All Authority...

- ⁹ *Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,*
- ¹⁰ *that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,*
- ¹¹ *and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*
Phillipians 2:9-11

All Authority...



- *¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.*
- *¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers.*
- *All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.*
- *¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence*
Colossians 1:15-18

GO!

- First two letters in God is GO!
- First two letters in Good is GO!
- First two in Gospel is GO!
- First two in Going is GO!
- First two in Golden is GO!
- The good and golden rule from God is... “get going and preach the Gospel to all Nations!!”
- GO! GO! GO!!!



Baptising....

- The open and public declaration of what God has done for you is Baptism.
- Baptism is a **MOMENT** that you remember and fix in your heart and mind when you became a follower of Christ.
- It is not necessary when you walked down the aisle even though that is a key moment for some.
- The main biblical moment is **BAPTISM**.



Baptising...

- *41 Then those who [m]gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.*
Acts 2:41
- Imagine the scene of seeing 3,000 people being baptized in one go!
- That will live long in the memory
- The energy and power of seeing hundreds and hundreds of people like yourself being baptized unto Christ is priceless!!
- The public declaration of faith in Christ through Baptism is one of the last words of Christ.



Baptising...

- *But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized*
Acts 8:12
- *Then Peter answered, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord*
Acts 10:48



Teaching Them...

- *and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. Matthew 28*
- *The keyway to make disciples is to teach them!*
- *Teaching transforms the Head and heart and Hands*
- *The way you think, your feelings and your behaviour or actions are all transformed by sound doctrine.*
- *The keyway Jesus made His disciples was by teaching them.*



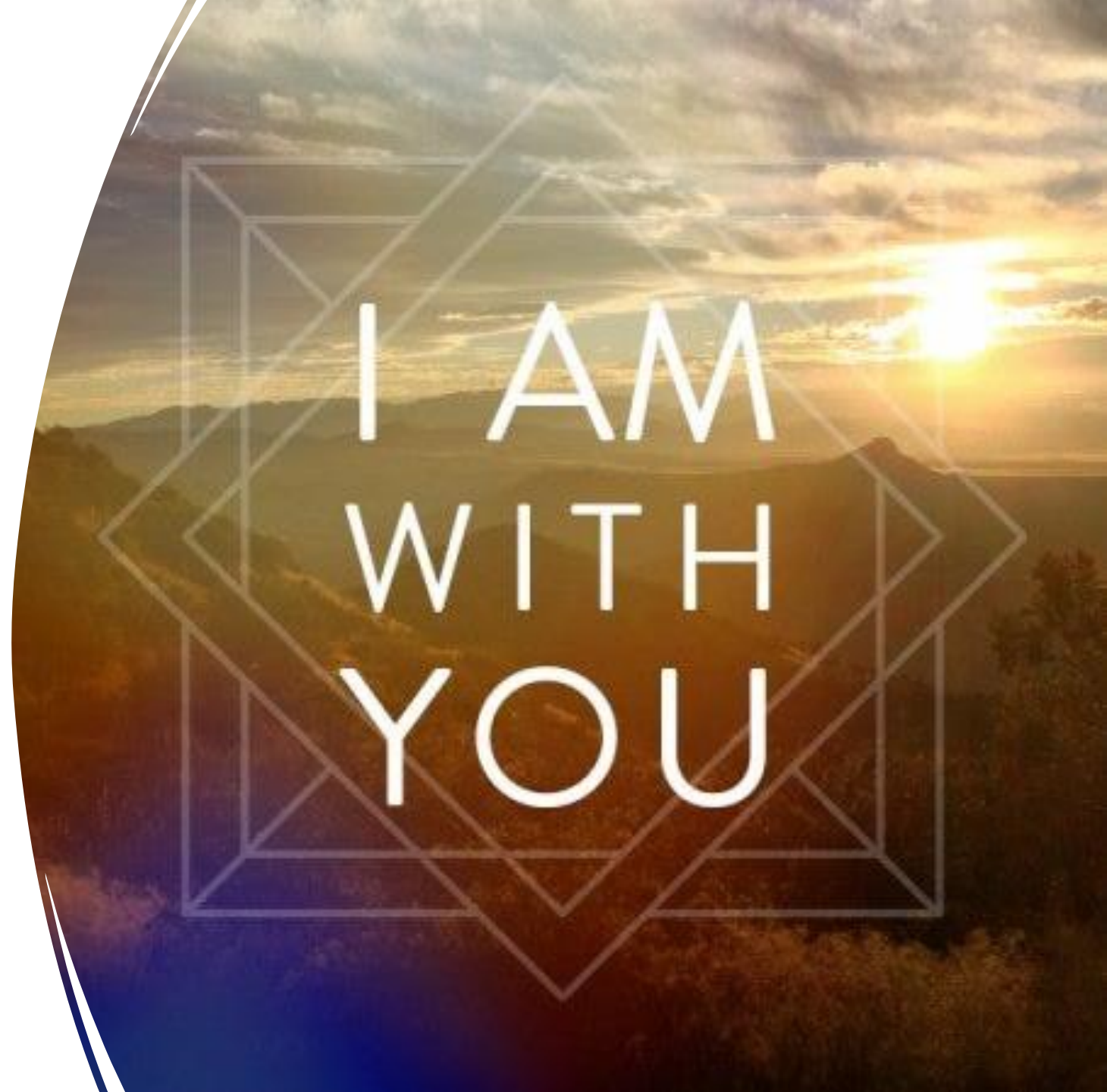
Teaching...

- *20 how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house,*
- *21 testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.*
Acts 20:20
- *42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers*
Acts 2:42



PRESENCE....

- *And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
Matthew 28:20*



I am with You...

- This is perhaps one of the greatest promises for the Believer
- God is WITH YOU ALWAYS!!
- You are NOT on your own.
- He goes with you as you Go!
- His Authority is with you.
- His Presence is with you
- His Word is with you
- His Angels are with you
- JESUS Himself is with you!



I am with You...

- *Fear not, for I am with you;
Be not dismayed, for
I am your God.*
- *I will strengthen you,
Yes, I will help you,
I will uphold you with My
righteous right hand.
Isaiah 41:10*



I am with You...

- *⁹ Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, “Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent;*
- *¹⁰ for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city.*
Acts 18:10



GO....

- Go to your family and relatives
- Go to those in your workplace
- Go to your neighbours
- Go to your friends
- Go to your colleagues
- Go to your street
- Go to your neighbourhood
- Go to your people
- Go everywhere with the Gospel!





Coming Soon...

The CHURCH Series