

Why we should have the courage to take the next step

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The Lord commands us to “go”

Matt 28: 18-20

¹⁸All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
¹⁹Therefore **go and make disciples** of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.
And **surely I am with you always**, to the very end of the age”

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James 2: 18 & 20

¹⁸ ‘Show me your faith without deeds; and I will show you my faith by what I do’
²⁰ ‘you foolish man, do you want evidence that **faith without deeds is useless?**’

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Romans 12: 1,2

¹Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in the view of God’s mercy, to **offer your bodies as living sacrifices**, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship.
²**Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world**, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

God has chosen you – know who you are in Christ!

Romans 8: 31-39

³¹What then shall we say in response to this? If God is for us who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³**Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen?** It is God who justifies.

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³⁴Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

³⁶As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered”

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³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.