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Renewing and Re-Imagining Our Mission (Pt. 2)

John 20:19-21/Acts 1:1-8

Review – (Gen. 12:1-3; Matt. 28:16-20; Matt. 6:25-34)

- ❖ Mission is Movement
- ❖ Mission is Ministry
- ❖ Mission is Motivated by Faith

Mission is Sacrifice

John 20:19–21 (NIV) — 19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20 After he said this, **he showed them his hands and side.** The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! **As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.**" (See also 2 Cor. 4 and 6:3-13)

- ❖ As the Church, we are a people who follow Jesus' example of overcoming evil through a willingness to endure suffering.

Mission is Spirit-Led

Acts 1:4–8 (NIV) — 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but **wait for the gift my Father promised**, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water; but in a few days you **will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.**" 6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 **But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.**"

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- ❖ As the Church, we are a people who are empowered by and follow the direction of the Spirit of Jesus into his mission.

Mission is Significance

1 Corinthians 12:4–7 (NIV) — 4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. 7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12:12–14 (NIV) — 12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.
(Read also 1 Cor. 9:24-27; 1 Cor. 12; 2 Cor. 4:16-18)

- ❖ As individuals within the church, we all have a part to play in God's kingdom and eternal purposes.

Central Thought: We are not saved to a sedentary, safe life. We are saved to service and witness until God's kingdom is firmly and finally established at the return of Christ.

Questions/Homework

- ❖ Read the "See also" passages above.
- ❖ Have you opened your heart in faith to God's salvation in Christ through confession and repentance?
- ❖ Have you found your place of service and witness in the world for the cause of Christ?

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