

The Commission

Acts 20:1-12

In the time of your life that is like the wilderness you must live by the word. This is because you cannot see the path in front of you nor do you have the strength to overcome the wilderness. It is the same principle that mankind must live by the covenant because mankind fell into fate due to the problem of Satan and original sin. That's why the word is the answer to the wilderness and the content of that word is the covenant. If you live like this, you will receive the same answers as when Israel lived in the wilderness for 40 years and not one person died except those who committed spiritual sins. In the time of the wilderness no one died of starvation or thirst. Those who went against God by worshiping idols or rejected God's plan to enter Canaan died. If you live holding onto the covenantal word heading towards God's desire then even within your life that is like the wilderness contains the answer. God's sole desire is for you to relay the covenantal word to the world. Then, you must give your entire life and stake it for this work. This is not something that only believers do but something that everyone should do. It's normal for this prayer to become 24 hours. This is the reason why even amidst your hardships you devote your life for evangelism and mission. May your eyes be opened to God's desire and receive the blessing to sincerely pray. May you all become a great person of prayer and receive the blessing so that we are prepared to devote our lives when needed.

1. The commission

- 1) You must have a commission. If you have not decided what you will do for the rest of your life, in reality, you are wandering. It is so clear what you, who has received salvation through the blood of Christ, must do.
- 2) Regardless of what you are doing now, you must become an evangelist that relayed the Gospel. Even if you cannot go out to the field to evangelize, you must become a person that does things for evangelism. This must be the center of your prayers.
- 3) Verse 7 states, "On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight."
- 4) It was a situation in which they could have never returned if something went wrong. It was a situation that could have been their first or last.
- 5) Paul was an evangelist and was a historical missionary. He was a missionary that lived for Rome evangelization through evangelizing Gentiles. Many disciples arose through him and the Gospel movement spread like fire in different locations.
- 6) The reason is because he has the correct Gospel and had a heart to testify the Gospel. There would be no reason for God to work through him if he held onto a Gospel that was different from what God wanted to tell the world. His understanding of the Gospel was assured and correct.
- 7) However, you have this Gospel. You have the Gospel that God wants to relay to this world. This is an historical thing and you must be grateful for it. It is your commission when you have the heart to relay this Gospel.
- 8) That is why you must receive training after you listen to the Word. One word that you hear during training can change your entire life. It can change your heart, mind, and life. Your eyes and values will change. Your perspective on what is truly important will change.
- 9) Our church has a commission to relay this Gospel for evangelism in America. Because of this, God has planned for us to save America even before time. God does not work when there is no reason. There is also no such thing as coincidence. It is the same for Latin America. The reason the doors to Latin America opened was because we must save Latin America first.
- 10) It is important for you to open your eyes to your commission as this can become an answer to your prayers. God desires for you to evangelize with this Gospel. This will become an important reason and answer to your prayers. May you receive the blessing to open your eyes to see God's desire and for that to become your covenant to further conquer your life, evangelism, and missions. Surely, answers to your finances, health, and children will follow.

2. Disciple

- 1) There are several characteristics of Paul's evangelism. First, the Gospel is very accurate. Apostle Paul's explanation of the Gospel never ceases. He speaks only of Christ to the end, and it is as accurate as the tip of a needle. It is very clear and concise.
- 2) The second characteristic is being prayer-centered. He never left the field without praying. Prayer always came first. It was because the Gospel movement would be continued even if he left the region, only when he met the person prepared by God.
- 3) The next characteristic was disciple evangelism. He was a person who knew that the Gospel movement had to be centered on disciples. Matthew 13:8 states: "Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." This good land is the disciple.
- 4) Starting from Matthew 4:1, He was tempted by the devil and the first thing he said after defeating was in Matthew 4:17, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Before starting his public ministry, what he did right before going to the field was to raise disciples.
- 5) Matthew 4:19: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." These were the words to Peter and Andrew, who were fishermen. In this way, Jesus began his public ministry by choosing his disciples first and lived with them. At that time, many things were passed on to the disciples, and Paul was a person who knew this principle.
- 6) Paul did his ministry centered on his disciples, he lived with them, and always went with them. Today's scripture records that Paul lived with many disciples (verse 1-6).
- 7) This means that Paul also had the contents of nurturing disciples, and was a person who could suggest directions and methods for evangelism and the field. In other words, it means that he was a person whose eyes were opened to the field, evangelism, and disciples.
- 8) This is the direction our church should go in the future, and it is what we need to deliver to churches and pastors in the United States and South America. God is preparing this in our church. He is showing you little by little, the evidence that He has already begun.
- 9) May you be blessed to open your eyes as soon as possible and take part in this God first gives His word, allows your eyes to be opened to this, and allows it to be your covenant and prayer. These things must appear as evidence because the word is a sign that has already been given.
- 10) Because you have received this word, you are sharing this word, and in doing so, the word is being fulfilled among you. It means that God initiated all of this.
- 11) You may just receive an answer and be finished. So, there may be cases where evangelism comes may be a burden. If you enjoy Christ, these burdens will be gone. If you are praying so doors can open, as it's not your doing, God will open the door for you.
- 12) Then it will be easy to deliver the Gospel. Those who want to do disciple evangelism can do so by praying for disciples. When you pray to God, you are waiting for God to be at work.
- 13) Praying means that it is now God's turn. Then, God will work according to His plan and time schedule. Not a single case of evangelism is achieved through your efforts or plans. It is entirely God's work including the work of the disciple as well.
- 14) If you are praying for evangelism, may this take place for you. May the system of organizational evangelism with disciples be established, and may you have the blessing of enjoying the answers of the age.