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Equipped and Empowered!

Focus Verses: Mark 6:4-7, 12-13 - ⁴But Jesus, said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. ⁵And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. ⁶And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching. ⁷And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits. ¹²And they went out, and preached that men should repent. ¹³And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

Lesson Text: Mark 6:1-13

Truth About God: God is greater than all our preconceptions.

Truth For My Life: I will surrender to Jesus to minister through me.

God has called us to proclaim the good news of the gospel and God's healing power working in those who believe. Miracles happen. Lives changed. Bondage is broken. Healing begins. Jesus is exalted as we allow Him to be glorified in our ministry, in our worship, and through our faith.

Jesus taught in the Synagogue in Nazareth and His hometown friends rejected Him as the Messiah. They were stuck on His lineage and were embarrassed by His bold claim to be the fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah (Isaiah 61:1-2). But if it were not true, it was tantamount to blasphemy. His lack of miracles was laid at the feet of their lack of faith.

Faith in Jesus yields powerful testimonies. According to Hebrews 11:6, we need to believe Jesus is and He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Even today people are skeptical of reports of miraculous healings, and deliverance from addiction through prayer and faith in the name of Jesus. To many people, Jesus was just a man who lived long ago and is no longer relevant to our lives. However, those who have come to believe in Him have confidence He lives and He is ever present in our lives. He is more than an ancient teacher, a wise prophet, or a spiritual leader: He is the Lord of Glory, the one holy God who came in flesh and lived among us. He came to fulfill all righteousness and provide access to a spiritual kingdom and the promise of everlasting life in that glorious day.

We can also learn what the disciples learned: Jesus can work through any obedient follower. This assignment for ministry was not just for the Twelve, or for the seventy Jesus sent out another time, or just for the first generation of believers; **Jesus is still calling and commissioning disciples to go in the power of His Spirit.** He has empowered and equipped us in this world to fulfill the commission and continue the purpose for which He came.

From the beginning, while Jesus was still with His disciples, He declared: *"He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father"* (John 14:12). After giving the commission, *"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature,"* Jesus assured His followers, *"these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover"* (Mark 16:15, 17-18).

Jesus Christ is present in every person who receives His Spirit. His promise before His ascension was: *"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth"* (Acts 1:8). As much as the promise of the gift of the Spirit is to *"you, and to your children,"* so also the calling of God to fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:39). He is working in us to fulfill His purpose.

Paul reminded the Corinthian believers: *"For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty"* (1 Corinthians 1:26-27). **We do well not to judge who will or will not respond to God's message; salvation is available to all who will come to Him, and God can use anyone who is willing to be used by Him and give the glory to Him.**