

09112022 Final Tipping points **The tipping point is the name given to that one dramatic moment when everything can change all at once... The apostles had been following Jesus for a year +...He ministered they watched...** the disciples had 1witnessed Jesus drive out a legion of evil spirits, heal many people, turn water into wine, restore limbs to lepers, heal a paralytic who was dropped through the ceiling, raise a dead girl, calm a raging storm... They witnessed him Forgiving sins... They had seen Jesus accept Matthew, a notorious tax collector invited to become an apostle, and befriend many other sinners. They had seen Jesus heal on a Sabbath and become an enemy of the religious elite. They had listened and received his teaching about the kingdom of God using many parables, and giving them the deeper meaning...

He closes his teaching on the Parable of the Sower to his disciples with **the good soil, the open heart, the responsive heart,**

Luke 8: 15 And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest.

The good soil ... is not merely soil of sufficient quality and depth to receive the seed...but is committed to the seed to grow it.. into maturity where it produces a harvest....the soil now works with the seed to mature the plant so that it produces life...fruit and drops more seed. A Harvest

- **You are here to impact this world for good...Listen the world does not read the Bible, they read Christians...they eat the fruit that Christians produce**
 - **Because what come out of us is what is really inside of us ...**

- these times like all times will change...but his word is peace and life throughout all times and all time...
- It reveals and exposes our heart...and mind... what is being exposed?
- Notice that the amount of seeds is not the indicator of how good the soil is... one seed has the capacity to produce in good soil
- For a plant to produce it has to sprout out of the soil ...it must mature...and mature plants attract others to them as they are full of fruit...
- one seed has the capacity to produce...it was time for the disciples to get their first taste of ministry without Jesus..

The disciples have now hit a tipping point as we go into chapter 9 of Luke... All leading up to the tipping point of sending the disciples out on their own...

➤ into the Harvest field, much had been planted in them, the fruit produced must be given out.. to others...

- Now Jesus says you guys minister I will watch from a distance.....

Luke 9:1 One day Jesus called together his twelve disciples and gave them power and authority to cast out all demons and to heal all diseases. ² Then he sent them out to tell everyone about the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Mk 6: 7 Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits.

- I would venture to guess that not one of the apostles as they rolled out of their sleeping bags on Peter's living floor thought they were going on a mission's trip...two by two as Jesus would pare them up... this is going to be a new adventure in faith...

- **Jesus pairs them up...they must learn to get along with each other...and depend on each other**
- **2x2 how did he match them up? Their were no mismatches...he picked whom he wanted with the other.**
- Places them according to their strengths and weakness, personalities and dispositions, abilities and faith...
 - I wonder who he sent with Judas? Who stole my wallet
 - With Simon the zealot? The terrorist
 - Mathew the tax collector...they probably got warm receptions...
 - Who went with Thomas the doubter...eyore
 - The brothers James and John who quick tempered and were not opposed to using physical force to make their point...did he split them up?
 - How would they would work together...
 - They would have to decide who preached, who healed ,who dealt with demons...how they would handle rejection how they would handle fans....how long they would stay and when to leave.

How does Jesus choose who to be together in ministry...many of us in here have probably asked that question...?

1) Well it depends what rough areas of your life needs to be sanded away.

- **There are two kinds of people who fail...those that listen to no body and those that listen to everybody...our actions need to be dictated by a sense of purpose...not by a need to please.**
- You know your ministry always starts where you live...it is not limited to that but that is where it starts...
- It is often the hardest place to walk out love...why? Criticisms and rejection yours or theirs...

- The more you know someone...the greater their faults stand out, and their strengths diminish... dating you put your best foot forward...but it takes two to walk...
- The less you know someone the greater their strengths stand out and their faults are yet to be displayed...

Close Relationships give us the mirror exposing character flaws and providing the opportunity to learn and practice healthy ways of dealing with conflict or disagreement.

*PR 27:17 As **iron sharpens** iron, so one man sharpens another.*

2) Secondly.....Rubbing shoulders with people who trust God is contagious, it builds your faith, develops teamwork...someone to lean on when weary, rejected or disillusioned...the differing gifts allow for more holistic ministry...

ECC 4:9 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: ¹⁰ If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! ¹¹ Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? ¹² Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Those on mission with you are sent by God and are necessary for us to complete the mission God has us on....

Then he gives them the resources they will need...none accept his word.

³ *“Take nothing for your journey,” he instructed them. “Don’t take a walking stick, a traveler’s bag, food, money, or even a change of clothes.*

- faith when all is well is one thing...Relying on it when in need makes it real...

- The unexpected... trauma, our weaknesses...our inadequacies...make it real....the apostles were no different..
- Paul, in 2 Corinthians 12:9 refers to the power of God shining through our weakness.

2CO 12: 9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

Point 1..God and You equals enough... We are called to serve in his name and totally trust in him and his power.

Jesus will not ask you to do something you can do alone...he will ask you to do something you cannot do...but with him you can...

- **The truth is all you can really take with you is you: and that is your biggest challenge!**
- **Jesus, is fully aware and knows all things, so...will never ask us to do something without equipping us first and without a specific purpose or plan.**
- **Our Lord is not a Lord of random, mindless acts. He is brilliantly calculating in all His strategies and plans.**
- **So, when He says “go, do, or stop”, it comes with the full faith backing of God. His clear instruction has purpose.**

They had seen Jesus do exactly what he was commissioning them to do. There were no surprises. They had seen it all.

- They witnessed Jesus Give of himself to others without payment , give away...freely...
- They had been with Jesus seen him do everything he was commissioning them to do.
- His purpose is often not understood by us, but we are not asked to understand. We're to act just knowing that He has thought of

everything and has already made a way for us to complete the task successfully.

The resources will be provided when you need them

Luke 9:4 Wherever you go, stay in the same house until you leave town. ⁵ And if a town refuses to welcome you, shake its dust from your feet as you leave to show that you have abandoned those people to their fate.” ⁶ So they set out and went from village to village, preaching the gospel and healing people everywhere.

When Jesus says “go” then you just go. It is as simple as that. How many of you know that what is simple does not necessarily mean that it’s easy? Just because something appears simple in task, it may not transpire into easy. In fact, it is usually the opposite. The simple in concept or instruction is often difficult in execution.

Can you imagine sitting there with Jesus, hearing him say, “OK, this is what you are going to do”...

You will need no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics,” No cash, credit cards, wallet, backpack, not two pairs of jeans, no Nikes, bike, camels, donkeys, or cell phone, no hotel reservations, or dinner arrangements... you will walk everywhere and take only one pair of sandals... You’re going to preach repentance, you’re going to cast out some demons, and you’re going to heal some sick people.”

➤ Have a good time...and you will succeed!!!

Not only could they not take anything....they could not upgrade the housing accommodations...

Why take nothing with you? He wanted to make sure that they had no earthly comforts, nothing that they would be tempted to put their security or their trust into.

- **They were to go with nothing except for this one piece of information.** “I will provide.” Isn’t that extraordinary? “Take nothing. I will provide.”

Ephesians 2:10: “We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which he has prepared in advance for us to do.”

Jesus next instructions are to prevent the disciples from offending people...

And When criticized or rejected keep moving on...

It also shows that, from now on, the people of God will not be determined by their race or religion, but through a personal acceptance of Jesus.

Point 4...But that is not all...

LK 9:10 When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done.

They succeeded beautifully...they went... they returned and they were better for it...in the realm of their ministry this as a small beginning...but for all of us even the small seems so big...

Remember: the mission is his mission...you just need to trust and go... In this case...Only Two Resources are truly needed... Jesus power and team support... in other caes much more might go along with you...but two are indispensable God and You

to make sure that things went along the lines where Jesus wanted them to go, he gave the disciples some very unique parameters to operate under. The instructions were simple...but far from easy...**God with You equals enough**...for what he is sending you to do

2 You have to be willing to Go when sent... “Just Go”....

3 The right resources will be provided 4...you will not go alone...he will provide others...they must learn to get along with each other...and depend on each other

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➤ **The question after a year of following Jesus... a Jesus education—
Is not what have you learned, but what have you learned that has become you. Or maybe it is what have you learned that will become you, and what have you learned that won't.**

You see you can only take from any experience that which becomes a part of you...and you can only give away that which becomes part of you...You then will be a witness to the presence of God in you and in your world—

They could only take a staff, a tunic, and wear sandals. The absolute minimum that was required. No bread, the staple food of the day. They couldn't even take sandwiches, not that they had been invented then !

The bag that they were prevented from taking was probably a begging bag used by travelling teachers at the time. The word for money refers to small change, so they could not even carry any coppers. The extra tunic would have been like an overcoat to wear during cold nights. The disciples had to depend totally upon God's power and provision. The ability of him to provide for their needs and find them lodgings every night.