

## The EXPERIENCE Bible Study

Walk It Out - Luke 9:1-5

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The sending of the Twelve highlights the urgency of the mission of redemption. The disciple has been commissioned to advance the agenda of the Gospel. With this commissioning comes the authority and power of heaven. **Heaven is backing the movements of the disciple.**

The disciples were authorized, meaning **they had official permission or approval to work on behalf of God**. This level of authority meant that **they had the power to influence or command thought, behavior or opinion**. They were a convincing force in altering the effects of satan for the glory of God.

They had been BOTH sanctioned and empowered to manifest the kingdom of God in the environment they were in. What did they have authority (power to influence or command) over:

A) **ALL demons** (vs.1) - this level of authority reflects the character of Jesus' ministry. Luke emphasis the magnitude and expansiveness of our authority over the realm of the demonic.

One reason we fail in overcoming the advances of the enemy is because we have not fully grasped the significance and depth of our being sanctioned. **We have been given the freedom to function in the power of Jesus because He is the one in authority.**

**B) Kingdom Confusion (vs.1) - by preaching and healing, both aspects of the kingdom call would be fulfilled. Most listeners to Jesus were expecting a Messiah who would bring wealth and power to their nation.**

They preferred material benefits over spiritual discernment. Neglecting either one would cause the distinctive nature of the kingdom to be lost. Preaching and healing remedied both the spiritual and physical needs of humanity. **The kingdom of God is not food and drink but it's POWER!**

The kingdom of God demands the manifestation of power in the lives of humanity and that power is revealed on multiple levels. The gospel is not just to meet our physical needs (**prosperity**) but it's to meet our spiritual needs as well (**kingdom**).

### **TAKEAWAYS:**

- 1) The redemptive mission is inseparable from the commitment to follow.
- 2) Evangelism and mission are natural byproducts/results of being sent by Jesus.
- 3) Those sent out travel in faith. **The disciple trusts in God's providence and the power of the gospel.**