**The ‘Going’ Mindset**

Matthew 10:1-15

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**Introduction**

 For the last 5yrs or so, Sandy and I hv been able to watch Robins build nests in our garage

 I like robins. Robins are beautiful birds with a beautiful song

 They build a nest, lay eggs, incubate the eggs, hatch the eggs – then work begins

 Both parent birds feed the chicks, almost nonstop feeding

 Finally chicks so big, we wonder how fit in the nest, then they go, leave the nest

 Usually one that has a little trouble – see it in the nest, see it on floor, on railing

 The mother robin is coaxing it to fly - they always have

 The nest is a nice safe place but the birds need to go and do what birds do

 In the gospel of Matthew, we have seen Jesus

 Call men to follow Him Mt 4:19

 Teach men in the sermon on the mount Mt5-7

 Train men in their time with Him at each miracle and village they visited

 In Matthew 10:1-15 Jesus gives His disciples what I call the ‘going’ mindset

 Jesus wants them to get out of the nest, stretch their wings, be on their own a little

 Christians today need to have the ‘going’ mindset as well

 Often times we have the ‘coming’ mindset or ‘independent’ mindset or ‘made in USA’ mindset

 It is not that you have to go, but that you have the mindset of going

**Context**

 Matthew 8-9 Jesus performing miracles, disciples witnessing, learning, questioning

 Ultimately the miracles are to authenticate Jesus as the Christ, the Messiah

 Mt 9:35-38

35 Jesus models what He wants His disciples to do

36 Jesus sees the multitude and feels compassion for them

37 Jesus illustrates the problem He faces – harvest plentiful, laborers few

38 Jesus concludes that prayer 4laborers is needed – pray Lord send out laborers

 Mt10:1-15 Jesus sending out laborers into the harvest i.e. ‘going’ mindset

**Comment on Parallel accounts**

 Mk313-19 & 67-13 [275words] Lk612-16 & 91-6 [208 words] Mt101-15 [310words]

 Matthew is longest and puts all in one place, topically not chronologically

 Matthew makes chapter 10 a single discourse on sending out the twelve, like a set of instructions

**The ‘Going’ Mindset …**

**I. …You Have Training and Tools To Help You Go 1-4**

 A. Jesus and His Disciples

 Calls the12 to Him – selectn process not givn, lets just say not bcs of what were but would become

 Gives the twelve

 Power over unclean spirits

 Power to cast unclean spirits out

 Power to heal all kinds of sicknesses and diseases

 The twelve named also in Mark 3:13-19 and Luke 6:12-16 – nothing remarkable about them

 First Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother

 James the *son* of Zebedee, and John his brother;

Philip and Bartholomew;

Thomas and Matthew the tax collector;

James the *son* of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;

Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.

 B. You and I

 First what Jesus gave to His disciples/apostles is not given to ‘you’ but to ‘them’

 Second – better 2not think 2highly of self God calling U, not what are but bcome

 Third – Jesus going to send them out now with what they know have training

incomplete, this is part of it, U are a work in progress as well

training and tools you have in part from church – learn, use, acquire skills

 U don’t know when/where U will ‘go’ but U need to be ready all the time

 Fourth -Trainees are not perfect, but training is necessary to grow and mature

**II. …You Have Jesus Command To Go 5a**

 A. Jesus and His Disciples

 Twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them

 This is specifically to the twelve, middle of the book, training, testing, learning

 B. You and I

 The great commission verses of Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 1:8 are applicable

 We are commanded to make disciples as w+e are going

 We are commanded to be witnesses to the end of the earth

**III. …You Have Work to Do Where You Go 5b-10**

 A. Jesus and His Disciples

 Do not go 2Gentiles or Samaria but go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel 5b-6

 Probably because of Jesus fulfillment as the Messiah to Jews first

 As you go preach saying: the kingdom of heaven is at hand 7

 KOH only used in Matthew, 31 X’s

 JTBdeclared 32 JScontinued 417 SOM 53 721 parables 1324- entered, in, like

 Miraculous powers given and to be used: heal sick, cleanse lepers, raise dead,

cast out demons

 freely you received, freely give – preaching/healing not a means of profiteering

 do not tak money or clothes – worker is worthy of his food, unencumbered,urgent

 B. You and I

 No restriction on who to go to – all nations, end of the earth Mt28:19 Ac1:8

 Our message is slightly different: Ac3:20 8:5 28:31 1Co1:17, 23 15:1 2Co4:5

 Work – our community is not reached with the gospel, students 1Co91 1558

 We do not have miraculous powers, not needed to authenticate message

 The gospel is free and we should give it free, don’t make ppl sharing with pay

 2 Co2:17 11:7 3Th3:8 2Co12:13 1Co9:18 Mt6:25ff

 Urgency of today, part of the going mindset, often missing today, Jacob 30K/day

 Do we worry about our ‘bags’/material things and miss urgency of JS sending

**IV. …You Have Words To Guide You When You Go 11-15**

 A. Jesus and His Disciples

 The theme of ‘worthy’ fm v10 picked up

 Enter a city inquire if anyone worthy i.e. willing, stay there till you go out

 When you go into a household, greet it, if house is worthy, your peace on it

 And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words shake off the dust

 Assuredly I say 2U – more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in day of judgment

 B. You and I

 Trusting Jesus is basically what we must learn, we don’t know all but trust Him

 When you go look for worthy people i.e. people who value the gospel message

 U don’t know what people will do with the gospel message

 Skeptics and cynics we must leave to God to work on them

 Do not cast our precious message before people who will trample it Mt7:6

 Ones eternal destiny depends on relationship to Him see 7:21-23

 Two stories

 Nav summer training program 1975 Columbus, ‘Faith Trip’, ?Bellfontaine Ohio Helped by a man I don’t know, took 12 of us in fed us

 Lecture by John Spong at UU church, *Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism*

 I literally shook the dust off of me as I left, rejection is serious/eternal

 Do you have the ‘going’ mindset? Jesus gives His disciples the ‘going’ mindset

 We must resist other mindsets: coming, comfortable, settled, made in USA…

 Training is Biblical, training to go and to use what God given you

 Instructions [words] have been given to us as we go, we need to follow them